

Spring Home & Garden Guide

Our annual guide offers helpful hints to get the most for your money.

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Easter Egg-citement

The fur – and beads – were flying for Easter during parades in Waveland and Pearlanton.

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Benefit account set up for John Cowart

A benefit account has been established at Hancock Bank for John S. Cowart, who was injured March 2 when a car fell on top of him. The account will assist the family with medical and rehabilitation expenses. When donating, please be sure to specify "Benefit of John Cowart."

Messiah Chorus to perform April 1 & 3

The Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus will present its 2005 Festival of Choral Classics on April 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Saenger Theatre in Biloxi and on April 3 at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Gulfport.

Yard sale to benefit leukemia patient

There will be a yard sale this Saturday from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 616 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland. Call 466-9590.

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DuPont dioxin cases go to court Monday

DeLisle-area plaintiffs' cases to be heard in Jones County

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Some 2,000 residents in and around the DeLisle community who claim that the DuPont DeLisle Plant is responsible for

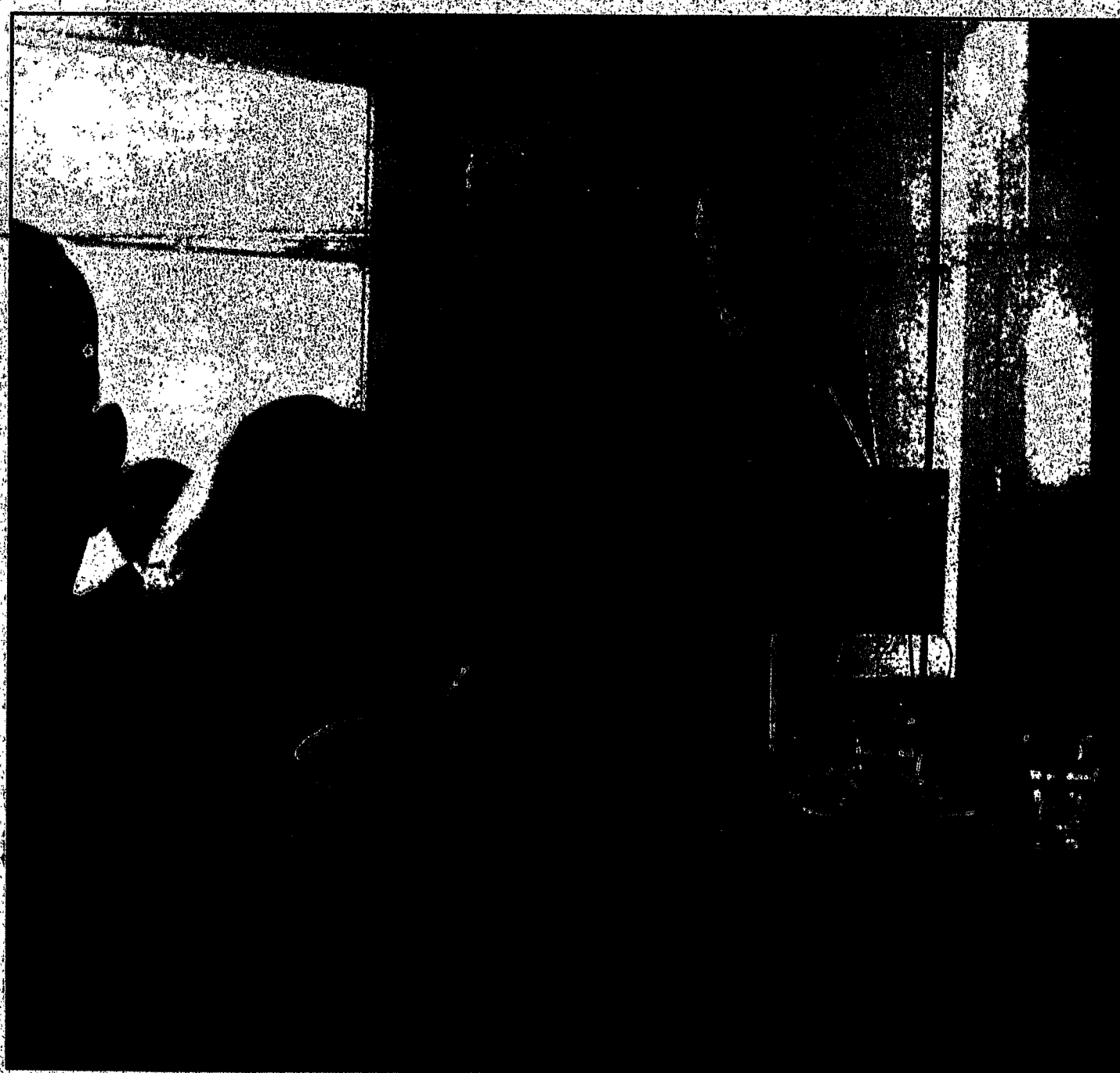
illnesses ranging from cancer to neurological problems will have their cases heard in court next week – one at a time. Jury selection in the case for the first plaintiff in a lawsuit filed by Gulfport attorney Kathleen

Smiley is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 4 in the Circuit Court of Jones County's Second Judicial District.

Plaintiff's attorney's consult-

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Lott of Confidence



Senator Trent Lott was guest of honor at the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club meeting Wednesday. Lott said he was impressed with the progress in Hancock County and all of South Mississippi, especially when compared with the empty buildings and unemployment he remembers from 30 years ago. He also talked about the importance of economic development and on the impact of Stennis Space Center. Lott encouraged Mississippians to think "big", saying that just being positive was not good enough.

Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder

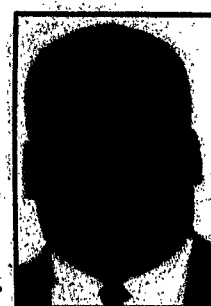
Hancock considers resort district

Public hearing set for Clermont Harbor casino/condo plans

BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

A public hearing will be held on April 14 at 4:15 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center to discuss several proposed zoning changes in Hancock County. Though the proposed changes will be in areas outside the city limits of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, many will affect the future of everyone in the county.

Proposed changes include a new C-3 commercial resort district, for hotels, resorts or condominium projects between Poinset Ave. in Clermont Harbor to Bordages St. along Beach Blvd. Approval for a casino/hotel proj-



Hancock County Building official Mickey Lagasse

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Mercury scare ends okay at Hancock High School

DEQ clears scene; students unharmed

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

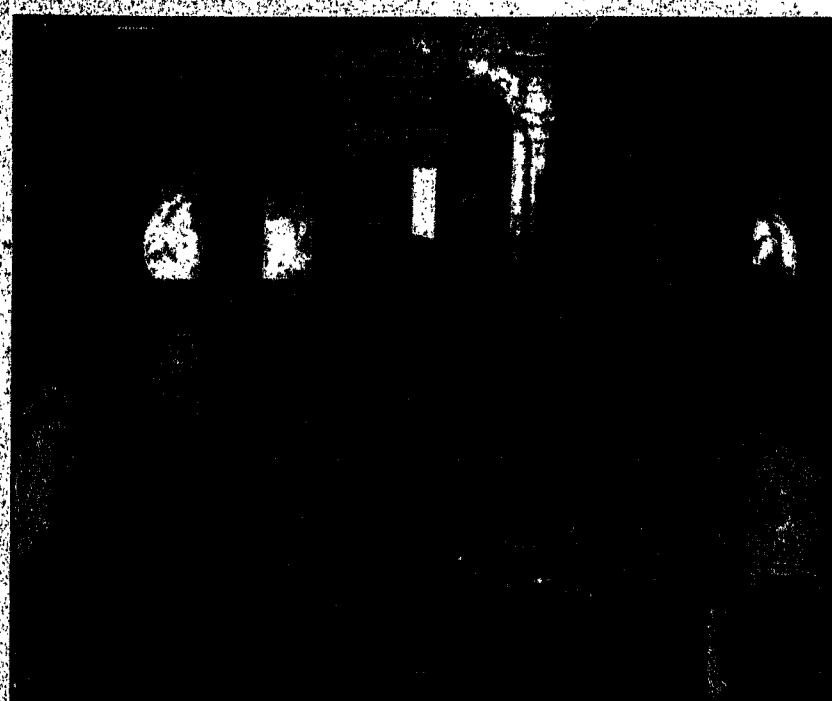
Trace amounts of mercury were detected in a classroom and hallway at Hancock High School on Monday afternoon.

However, after investigation by the Hancock County EMA and the Department of Environmental Quality, it was determined that



Supt. David Kopf

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Bay Catholic Elementary fifth graders Heath Carr (Jesus), Nick Shaw, left, and Sam Chevis, portray Jesus' crucifixion during the school's production of "The Passion of the Christ" for Easter. More on page 10A.

New Port v.p. wants 'zero unemployment'

BY BENNIE
SHALBETTER
Staff Writer

The new vice-president of the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission, Shari Rapp, says she would one day like to see the unemployment rate in Hancock County be zero percent. A lofty goal maybe, but Rapp says she believes that every person has the desire to work, deserves to work. And not just the fortunate few who have had the opportunity to get a college education, she says.

"I would like to see our community have jobs that will supply our children and grandchildren a future without having to leave Hancock County," said Rapp. "And that will mean not only high tech jobs, but good hourly wages for men and women who have not been afforded the opportunity for a full college education. Not everyone is high tech. But to have jobs we must have economic development."

Rapp was appointed to the Commission in 2001 by Mayor Tommy Longo, she believes, because of her knowledge of community development and her desire to push the community forward. She served as treasurer of the Commission before being elected to the office of vice-president. She has been the owner of

McIntyre-Rapp Realty in Waveland since the 1980's. Rapp is married to Howard Rapp II and has two children, Charanda, 24 and Howard III, 17.

The daughter of John Ray and Patricia McIntyre, Rapp grew up in the small, quiet town of Jackson, Alabama with brother Carl. Her parents brought her to church "every time the doors were open," she remembers. John Ray served as deacon in the church.

"We were very family oriented, it was family first," said Rapp. "My dad came home every evening at the same time we could set our watches by his arrival."

"I had a good childhood, I guess you could say almost sheltered," Rapp said. "But sheltered in a good way. We were raised with good moral standards that extended to our roots, our grandparents, our great grandparents."

Both sets of grandparents were friends and so that made the family even closer, Rapp said. She gained many words of wisdom from her grandmothers, she said. Sunday afternoons after church were usually spent at one of their houses for dinner.

In 1969, just after Camille, John Ray, who was in the construction business, came to the Bay to help rebuild two houses belonging to friends. He decided to stay, and brought

the family.

Rapp enrolled in Bay High School where she was a band majorette. She also served as Jr. Miss in 1972 and sang in the First Baptist Church choir. In the summer she traveled with a group that put on plays with a Christian theme. Before acquiring her real estate and later her brokers license, she worked for Hancock Bank, and later at Port Bienville as personnel director. Her philosophy for a successful life is simple, she says. "First and foremost you have to give God his proper place first, then

if you are married, your husband comes second, and if you have children, they come third. A career comes way down on the totem pole. If you keep it in the proper order it is going to work."

"It is not always easy to keep it all where it is supposed to be that takes constant effort and a lot of self-examination," Rapp says. "Sometime you fall short, but you must always try to focus on your priorities. In any business you have there are priorities things must have their proper order, and that goes as well with your life."



Shari Rapp

Driver found with 200 Ecstasy pills

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Around mid-night Tuesday, while on patrol, a traffic stop violation on Interstate 10 led to the arrest of a Florida resident, who was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, (Ecstasy), Sheriff Steve Garber said.

Narcotics Division Director Matt Karl said, "Deputy Chris Russell, made a traffic stop on Edward Tavoris Cheatum, 19, of Cantonment, Florida, and charged him with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, (Ecstasy)."

During the process of

receiving the consent to search and inventory of the vehicle, Russell discovered approximately 200 Ecstasy pills.

Agents Clifton (Bubba) Malley and Abe Long were summoned, Karl said.

"Cheatum was arrested and during further checking it was discovered he possibly had a parole violation in Florida. His bond for the Hancock County charges was set at \$100,000," Karl said.

Deputy Tim Campbell also assisted in the arrest. Karl reported Malley is in charge of the investigation and the Ecstasy pills has a street value of approximately \$4,000.

Crystal meth found inside suspect's shoe

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A traffic violation stop on Tuesday led to the arrest of a county resident for the possession of a controlled substance, (crystal meth), according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Major Matt Karl, director of the Narcotics Division said, "Lt. Phillip Pavolini made a traffic violation stop Tuesday evening on Bell Creek Road, and since the suspect was a known drug violator, contacted Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley. During a pat down, officers discovered a package of crystal meth in the shoe of Jermy Shaw, 22, of the Crane Creek area."

"Shaw was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, (crystal meth). Shaw was out on bond from a previous drug arrest, so he is being held in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility at this time with no bond," Karl added. Agent Malley is in charge of the investigation and he and Pavolini was assisted by Deputy Brian Cuevas in making the arrest, Karl said.

To report any possible drug activities, or other crimes in the county, contact the sheriff's department at 228-467-5101, 601-79808555, (Picayune Exchange), or Investigators or Narcotics, 228-467-1496.

Hummingbird, butterfly expert at Rosie's

Author and columnist Judith Toups and Jim Mizell of Mizell's Nurseries will be at Rosie's Nature Cottage on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to share gardening tips and information on attracting hummingbirds and butter-

flies. A truckload of hummingbird and butterfly plants will be on sale for this event. Rosie's Nature Cottage is located at 2080 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, MS, approximately a half mile east of 603. Call 228-466-5999.

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St. Joseph's Memorial marker

Hundreds of St. Joseph's Academy Alumni, Bay St. Louis, were joined by friends in the Dedication of a Bronze Memorial Marker on Saturday, March 19. The dedication followed a Mass at 10 a.m., and then a reception in Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center. Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Bay St. Louis in January, 1855, and a school remained open until 1967, which taught girls grades first through twelve and boys grades first through third. Charles Gray, Executive Director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce was the guest speaker. Father Tracy, pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf dedicated the Bronze Memorial. An Alumni Committee of twelve from St. Joseph's Academy work several years to make the Memorial Marker a reality. The group was also responsible for collecting from Alumni and Friends funds necessary to return the Statue of St. Joseph to its original beauty.

Pass High's Broadway is Principal of the Year

BY JOHN WATERMAN
Staff Writer

Cathy Broadway, principal of Pass Christian High School, was awarded the 2005 High School State Principal of the Year Award from The National Association of High School Principals.

Broadway, who has worked in education for 25 years, has been principal of Pass High for the past six years. She said she was very excited to have been chosen for this award.

"I feel wonderful about it," Broadway said. "I feel very honored and flattered."

Over the past two years, Pass High, as well as the entire Pass Christian School District, has had extremely high test scores. The district was one of two in the state that had a level five rating in all categories.

"(The students) score in the top 10 percent of all the kids in the state," Broadway said.

Broadway will go to an awards ceremony in Arlington, Va., and Washington D.C. this November, along with the winners from other participating states.

Mayor Billy MacDonald

said he planned to organize a proclamation honoring Broadway's achievements.

"I think she's done a wonderful job, and she's a fine person," MacDonald said.

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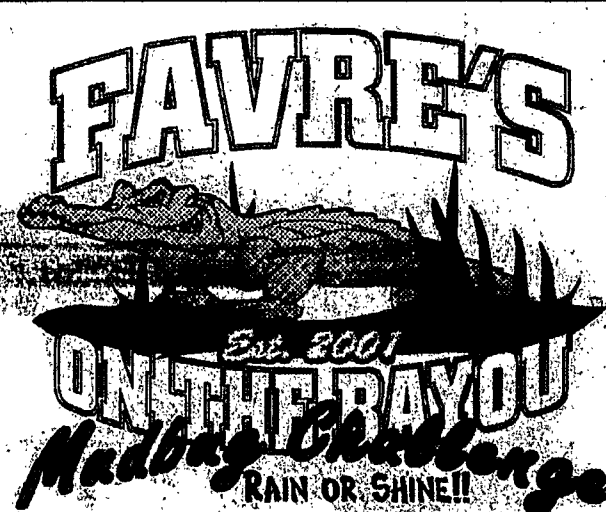
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Hancock County Equine Center
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Gates open at 10 a.m.
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The Mudbug Challenge

(a crawfish cook off) from noon to 6 p.m.

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Barrel Racing Competition
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from 3 to 4 p.m.

Bull Riding
from 7 to 9 p.m.

Both the barrel racing and bull riding
competitions are Mid-South Pro Tour events.

Relay For Life is your chance to help fight against cancer

What can one person do to fight cancer? Just ask one of the two million people working in communities like Hancock County to reduce the threat of cancer, and you'll get the following answer: participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Last year, more than 4,200 communities nationwide participated in Relay For Life and raised more than \$300 million, making the event the largest fund raiser in the U.S. Relay For Life of Hancock County will be held May 6 at the Hancock County Walking Track at 6 p.m.

Relay For Life is an overnight fund-raising event filled with activities, fun and community spirit. All funds raised at Relay For Life support American Cancer Society programs designed to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through research, education, advocacy and patient

services.

The impact of cancer is clear. More than 9 million cancer survivors are living today. This year in the United States, an estimated 1.3 million people will be diagnosed with cancer. Over 200 people in Hancock County will be diagnosed with the disease in 2005. Additionally, more than 1,500 people will die of cancer each day.

For more information about participating in Relay For Life, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Diamondhead Women's Club plans Spring Art Fling

Diamondhead Women's Club will hold its 11th Annual Spring Art Fling on Sunday, April 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Diamondhead Country Club. Many of the leading artists in the area will display their work. All artwork will be available for sale.

Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and Alzheimer's Foundation.

For further information call Becky Jordan at (228)255-4458.

Opinion

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Don't miss Favre's Mudbug Challenge

On Friday and Saturday, April 1st and 2nd, the general public has a very good opportunity to help one of the most important programs in Hancock County, and that is the Hancock County Boys & Girls Club.

The sponsor is Favre's on the Bayou, and events are to take place at the Hancock County Equine Center on the Kildee Road.

Listen to a famous Cajun singer, Hunter Hayes, only age 12 from Beaux-Brige; the Keith Hoda Band; the Crossfire Band; and the Damon Troy Band, also from Louisiana.

Eat a steak, fill up on crawfish, view barrel racing and bull riding competitions on the Mid-South Pro Tour, watch a bass tournament weighing in or try your luck in a \$2,500 drawdown. All are among the opportunities at this big fund raiser, offered by Jeff Favre of Favre's on the Bayou.

On Friday night, for \$25, two people will be admitted for a steak dinner. There will be the drawdown, a silent auction, and live entertainment by Keith Hoda from 8 to midnight.

Saturday will be a big day with gates opening at 10 a.m. and the Mudbug Challenge from noon to 6 p.m. A \$25 admission for all events, including all the crawfish you can eat.

And a big surprise is that the Budweiser

Clydesdales are scheduled to be there from noon to 5 p.m. for viewing.

There will be live entertainment, barrel racing competition, a "Cow Drop," bull riding - just a lot of events.

If you want to just eat crawfish plus the live entertainment, admission is \$20.

If you want just to watch the barrel racing and live entertainment, admission is \$14.

For further information, call 255-6857.

By the way, there will also be a Bass Tournament on Saturday to benefit the Boys & Girls Club, as part of the Favre's on the Bayou benefit.

For information on the bass tournament, call Richie Santiago, at 463-9662.

Day Light Savings time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, so remember to set your clocks ahead.

This is spring forward time, but, there still will probably be a few who will arrive an hour late for church services Sunday.

This past Tuesday, I - along with 11 others from my Sunday School class - had the opportunity to view the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, in Mobile, Alabama.

The exhibit runs through April 24, and on

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Mississippi's black market tax lives!

Holy deja vu all over again! Mississippi's black market tax scheme still lives in the Legislature after being buried for 40 years!

Last week Mississippi House members by a better than a two-thirds margin voted for a resolution to get the Senate to go along with filing a bill to slap a tax on the possession of illegal drugs - cocaine and such.

Sound cockamamie? Well House members who pushed the idea and got 84 votes for it (after one brief failure) said three other states already have such a law, and it's bringing in

between \$10 and \$25 million a year.

You might describe the House proposal as a 21st century version of the state's old black market tax on illegal booze that went out of business when the Legislature repealed statewide prohibition in 1966.

As this was written, there had been no movement by the Senate to suspend the deadline on new bills at the current legislative session so the proposed bill to tax illicit drugs can be considered.

Even if nothing comes of this novel idea to get cash from hash, it points up how desperate the search for

revenue to fund the FY2006 budget has become up at the Legislature.

Most lawmakers around now probably had never even heard of the state's famous - or infamous - "black market" tax on illegal liquor that we collected back in the days of statewide Prohibition.

Until 1966, the sale of ALL distilled alcohol except 4 percent beer was illegal in the eyes of the state's dry laws.

However, folks could buy Hadaol, the popular youth-restoring tonic, or Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, for everything from mosquito bites to throat gargle - each with almost 70 percent alcohol - legally over-the-counter.

Despite the statewide prohibition law that had been enacted in 1908, thousands of federally bonded

cases of liquor were known to be sold in at least two dozen counties, often openly in package stores and bars on the Gulf Coast and some Mississippi River towns.

Lawmakers in 1944, at the height of World War II when the term "black market" was familiar as applied to contraband rubber tires or gasoline sold outside government rationing, enacted a 10 percent black market tax of their own on contraband goods.

Shrewd old legislators knew that the biggest Mississippi contraband being sold was booze, we're not talking about old-fashioned moonshine but the federally bonneted variety.

Whiskey became arcane - described in the law as "tangible personal property, the sale of which is prohibit-

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



If you move, notify Social Security soon

BY SHAWN MERCER

Did you know that, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the "average" American moves about 12 times during his or her lifetime? Some of these moves may be to a different State, while others are just to a different home within the same zip code.

If you are a Social Security beneficiary or Supplemental Security Income recipient who is making or planning a move, here is some important advice to remember: let Social Security know about your new address and phone number as soon as possible.

Even if you receive your benefits by direct deposit, Social Security needs to have your correct address so we can send letters and other important information to you. During the year we send you important information to your mailing address such as a 1099 for income tax purposes or your

yearly Medicare handbook. Also, your benefits could be stopped if we are unable to contact you. You should let Social Security know about your change of address any time that you move, even if you relocate for part of the year. For example, if you live in a different place during the summer than you do in the winter, you need to change your address each time you relocate. Most Social Security beneficiaries can change their address at our website, www.socialsecurity.gov/changeaddress.html. But to protect

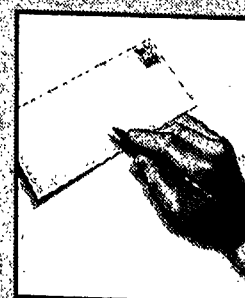
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You cannot change your address online if you are a representative payee (someone who handles Social Security money for another person), or a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiary. Instead, these individuals can call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778). Our representatives will be glad to take the information and make any

necessary changes in our records.

So remember: if you are a Social Security or SSI beneficiary who is planning a move, be sure to let Social Security know.

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ed by law."

Collecting the 10 percent tax was given to the State Tax Collector, an obscure constitutional office that dated back to the early days of the state's 1890 Constitution.

With no chance of getting prohibition repealed, legislators figured the black market tax on illegal liquor at a time of war would be a good device to get some needed revenue out of the liquor trade, and managed to do it without stirring up a big ruckus over the perennial wet-dry issue in the state.

The only problem was how to get the big bootleggers who ran most of the traffic to pony up the state tax.

State efforts to collect the 10 percent tax were far from effective until a 32-year-old Grenada County legislator named William Winter in 1956 was appointed to fill a vacancy in the State Tax

Collector office.

Winter found out very quickly the great bulk of bottled booze—hundreds of cases of the bonded liquor imported into the state—was being bought through Louisiana liquor wholesalers because that state collected only a small tax on exported whiskey and wines.

The ex-lawmaker installed a business-like system with the cooperation of the Louisiana Revenue agency to get copies of invoices of booze shipments from that state destined for Mississippi wholesalers.

Actually, Winter realized he would have to concentrate on a handful of big Mississippi bootleggers who imported and warehoused virtually all the booze coming into the state. They would resell it by the case to bootleggers who set up shop in bar or package stores wherever they could get

local county or town authorities to let them operate.

Winter dealt only with collecting the black market tax at the wholesale level, since that was where the big money was anyway. He billed the wholesalers for the amount of black market tax they owed based on the invoices of shipments he got from Louisiana.

They usually paid up, but his agents, though not law enforcement people, made regular rounds of the big wholesalers to make sure they weren't cheating the state.

Within a couple years, the black market levy was bringing in over \$1.5 million a year for the state general fund, a significant revenue sum in those days.

As the saying went back in those days, "the dries had their law, and the wets had their whiskey, and the state got the taxes from it." A neat setup, but highly hypocritical, and again it made Mississippi a laughing stock.

State law allowed the State Tax Collector to keep 10 percent of what he collected, so that made Winter, even after he paid expenses to run his office, by 1960 one of nation's the best paid

state officials.

You'd think Winter would be happy with such a cushy job, but he wasn't. From the time he first accepted appointment to it, he advocated abolishing the office and for the state to find a better way to deal with the liquor trade.

Four years later, state legislators took him up on eliminating the office, but meantime added a 15 percent sales tax on illegal booze, using the same system that Winter had initially set up to collect it.

The House's proposed tax on illegal drugs, much like the old black market liquor tax, wouldn't describe dope as such, only as "unauthorized substances." Deja vu anyone?

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Reed announces for Bay Council

Rev. Jeffrey Reed has officially announced his candidacy for Ward 3 Councilman in Bay St. Louis. Reed, 45, is a lifelong Ward 3 resident and the owner and operator of Reed's Masonry. He is also the founder and Pastor of Power House of Deliverance Ministries, and the author of two Christian books.

Reed and his wife Tina of 21 years have four daughters, Stephanie, Kendra, Tamara, and Christa.

Reed describes himself as a man who has a vision with a mission, and his vision is a face lift for the community. To accomplish that vision, Reed says, the city must establish realistic goals and those goals must be attainable, something people can measure, and they must be accomplished on a sustainable time table.

Besides an upgrade to the material aspects of the community, Reed says he would also like to upgrade the vision of the community as a whole.

Reed says this world travel has given him a broader outlook as to what the future could offer to Bay St. Louis and he would like to share that outlook as councilman.

"I have been a successful



Jeffrey Reed

businessman, husband and father, pastor, and I believe I can be a successful councilman," he said.

Reed is a graduate of Bay High, Pearl River College and West Virginia State University. He designed and built the J. H. Covington Family Life Center, housed Avenues for Success at his church, organized and administered the Boys to Men Mentorship Program and has extensive experience in securing grants.

He is a winner of the Spirit of Greatness Award, the NAACP Community Award, the Avenues for Success Leadership Award and the Volunteers of America Government Grant Award.

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Bay St. Louis City Hall, 111 Court Street, will remain open, March 29th through April 1st until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday April 2nd 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon to allow for voter registration.

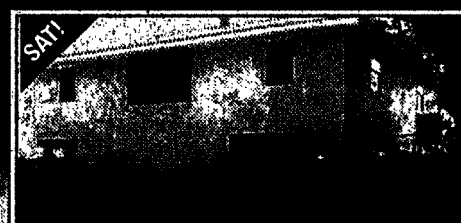
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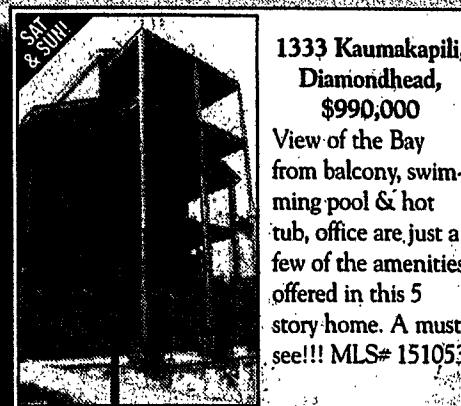
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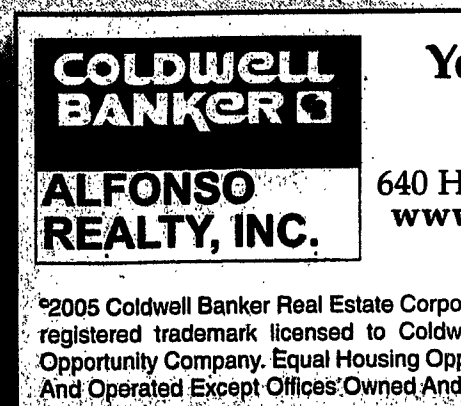
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Local Child Development Center workers to be honored

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The Hancock County Human Resource Agency Child Development Center, along with the city of Bay St. Louis and the State of Mississippi, is honoring four outstanding employees for more than 20 years of service. The honorees will receive an Award of Excellence for their commitments and contributions to enhance, sustain, and improve childcare in Hancock County. This program will be open to everyone and is scheduled for April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Rd. in Bay St. Louis.

2005 Award of Excellence Recipients: Mrs. Catherine Acker, Mrs. Lora Mederos, Mrs. Marcie Turnbough, Mrs. Doris Peterson.

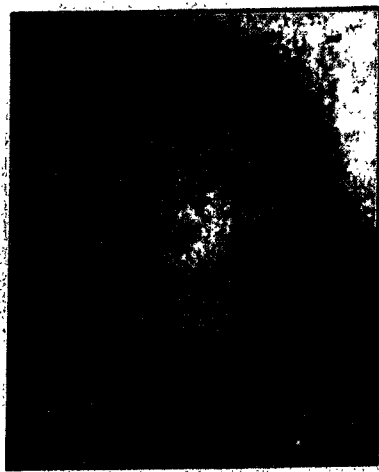
Catherine Acker began her employment at the Child Development program in 1983 as a teacher's aide and three-year-old teacher. Catherine, lovingly known as "Ms. Cat," continued to work at our Child Development Program until 2001. Though she worked with each class, she eventually became the teacher of the three-year-old class, the age group she enjoyed the most. She was also a director designee in the absence of the program director.

Catherine, a kid at heart herself, thoroughly enjoyed working with the children. She totally immersed herself in her favorite activity, music time. The children enjoyed the music as well because she made it such a joy. Catherine left the agency in 2001 due to medical problems, but returned in 2004 and is now the outreach worker for Home Delivered Meals and the Senior Companion program.

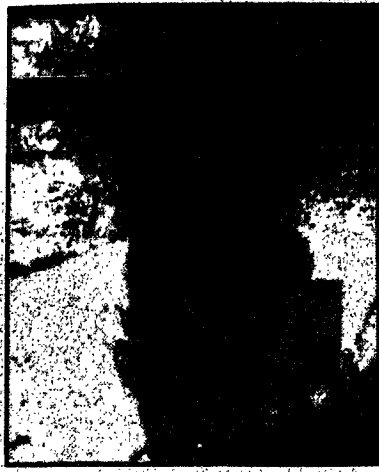
She is now making older clients smile as she gets acquainted with them. Several of them lovingly call her "Kit-Cat." She goes into the homes of the seniors and visits them to see if they are in need of anything and to do the annual evaluations for the Home Delivered Meals.

Lora Mederos wears many hats, not only with the agency, but also in the whole community as a member of several civic organizations.

Lora began employment



Lora Mederos



Catherine Acker



Marcie Turnbough



Doris Peterson

with Hancock County Human Resources Agency on July 29, 1987. She is a Licensed Social Worker and previously worked for the Department of Human Services in Hancock County. Lora began at the Child Development program as program director. In 1992, she became the executive director of the agency, but continued at child development as well until 1999.

The Child Development program began in 1977 and continued to run smoothly until around 1992 when funding sources were dramatically cut. Lora had to fight very hard to even keep the program open.

For many years, the child development program struggled with funding and was at the point of closing several times. She sees the need for such programs and, going beyond the call of duty, has fought long and hard to ensure that Child Development continues to operate and has the opportunity to expand. For the last couple of years she has been working on the possibility of expanding the program into a new building.

The agency has grown considerably under her leadership. Lora saw the need for an after care and summer care program and

again worked very hard to see that Hancock County was able to provide those services as well. Thanks to her efforts, the Youth Development Program opened in January 2004 and provides a valuable services to the community.

Marcie Turnbough joined the Child Development program in 1985 by working on the Summer Youth Program. She later became an employee of the agency and worked at Child Development with the toddler program.

Marcie continued with the Child Development Program from 1988 until 1993 when she left upon the birth of her daughter Rachael. Marcie returned to Child Development in 1995 and became activity coordinator. She also took over the role of secretary and began assisting director Lora Mederos with the office. Marcie continued to fill in as a caregiver when needed.

Marcie received her program director certificate in 2000 and took over as the program director for Child Development. She also became a credentialed child care director through the Mississippi Department of Human Services Office for Children and Youth/Child

Care Credentialing Program in December of 2002.

Marcie remained program director until May 2004 when she was promoted to administrative assistant. Marcie began working as the agency bookkeeper in 2001 and her responsibilities continued to grow. She is now working at the administrative office and assists the executive director.

Doris Peterson began her employment with the program in August 1988. Ms. Doris was hired to cook and keep house. During her employment, Ms. Doris would go into the classroom each morning and watch the children until the caregiver arrived. Ms. Doris also worked in the classroom at naptime to relieve the caregivers for their lunch break.

In time, Ms. Doris was made assistant director and served for a number of years. During her employment Ms. Doris was a very dedicated employee. She was always punctual and missed very few work days.

The children enjoyed her food, and she was always happy to serve them. Through the years, Ms. Doris served hundreds of nutritious meals to the children.

Ms. Doris had a heart for children. She and her husband were foster parents in Hancock County, taking in several children over the years. They have also hosted many foreign exchange students visiting our county.

Ms. Doris worked 16 years at our program until she resigned in September 2004 due to health reasons.

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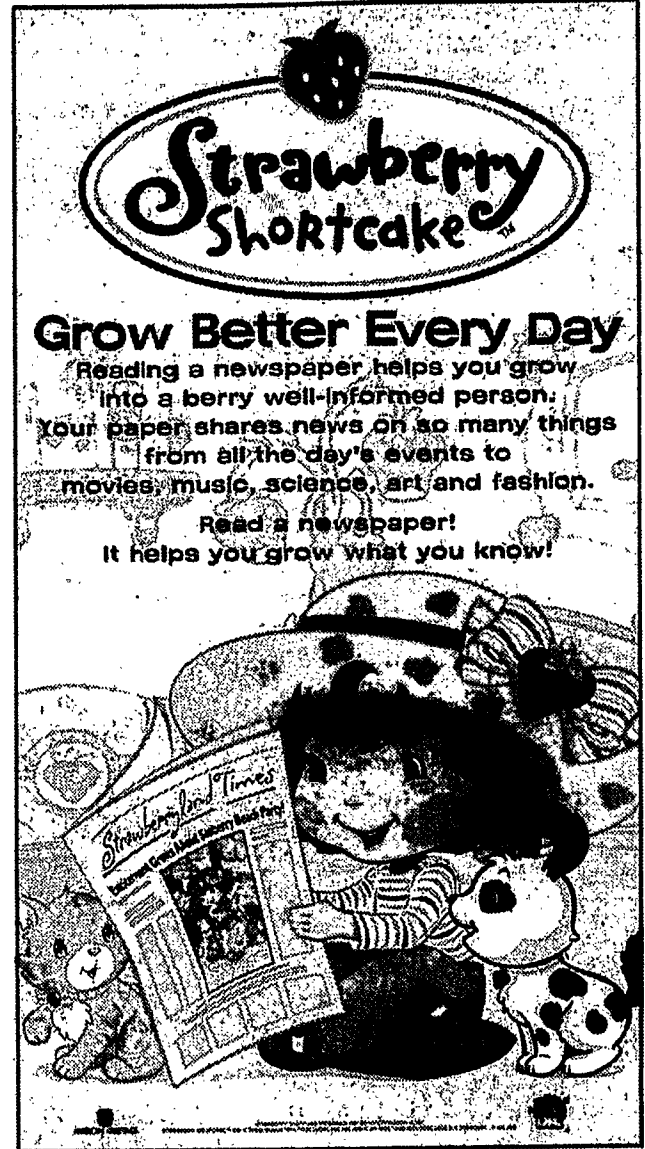
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Skateboarding pros visit Waveland

BY TAMARA HAWTHORNE LOHMAN

There will be a skateboarding skirmish on April 2 and 3. It will be held at the local skatepark, which is located at 118 Auderer Blvd. in Waveland. It is the 4th Annual "King of the Park" contest sponsored by Oakley.

Spectators will be able to watch this event for free.

The winner's bracket will begin on Saturday, April 2, 2005, at noon, and on Sunday, April 3, 2005, the losers bracket will begin at noon. Saturday night, following the contest will be the four-year anniversary party plus Video Premiere of *My Life*, a newly-released video featuring the life of Kelly Welsh.

The video will also

include Welsh's dream of building the South Coast Skate Park in Waveland and how he assembled that dream into a magical reality. The anniversary party will be only for those eighteen years old and over. Over \$3,000 in cash and prizes will be given away during the skateboarding competition. Call (228) 467-8003 to get further details.

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club opens sailing season April 2 & 3

Bay-Waveland Yacht Club will officially open its 2005 sailing season this weekend, April 2 and 3. It will host its annual Opening Regatta on Saturday and will hold formal opening ceremonies on Sunday. Lunch will be served on Sunday starting at twelve noon.

The Sunday ceremonies will include the singing of the national anthem along with the official flag raising. There will also be an introduction of dignitaries who are present, the club officers for 2005, and former commodores.

The US Navy Band of

New Orleans will be there to perform at the club during the ceremonies. Other live entertainment will perform following the ceremonies. Following the offi-

cial ceremonies there will be a review of the fleet. Club-member boat owners will decorate their boats and pass in review in front of the club.

Wholistic Wellness Network to meet on Friday

The next meeting of the Wholistic Wellness Network will be held on Friday, April 1 at Mississippi Power Company conference room, 30th Avenue and Highway 90, Gulfport, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The featured speaker is Mary Frost, RN, and her topic is "Back to

Africa - The Beautiful and the Desperate." She will share highlights of her recent trip and describe the people, land and impact of the AIDS epidemic 11 years after the end of apartheid. For information, please call Holly Hayden at 467-7285.

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DuPont -- case goes to trial

ants in the case say that evidence will be presented by experts who have performed tests ranging from blood sampling of plaintiffs, to testing of house dust, to the testing of rangia clams and oysters in the Bay of St. Louis. Test results show greatly elevated levels of dioxins present in blood samples, house dust and especially oysters, say the consultants.

Blood samples taken by professor of environmental health Dr. Richard Clapp among a group of 45 Pass Christian residents ranging in ages from 15 years to 59 years showed that levels of dioxins rose with age, Clapp's report said. In all age groups, levels were

higher than in similar age groups in comparison areas of Calcasieu Parish and Lafayette in Louisiana, Clapp's tests show.

Testing of house dust by a Texas-based chemical consulting firm in a variety of areas showed elevated levels of dioxin in homes up to 9 miles from the plant, plaintiffs' attorney's consultants say. Tests of house dust in the home of the first plaintiff, who is a Bay St. Louis resident, show a dioxin level of 121 ppt. (parts per trillion) consultants said. Control tests performed in Columbia, MS., an area attorney's consultant's say researchers believed to be suitable for "unpolluted" background

data, show dioxin levels of 20.3 ppt. in house dust.

Senior scientist at the Pacific Shellfish Institute Dr. Ralph Elston headed the testing efforts of area rangia clams and oysters, Smiley said. Elston's test results show a level of dioxins in oysters in the Bay of St. Louis that range from 54.2 pg/g to 247.9 pg/g; rangia clams showed levels of up to 165.5 pg/g. Dioxin levels in oysters dropped to between 36.6 pg/g to 79.1 pg/g as test sites moved out to open water, Elston's tests show. In Europe, says Elston's report, the action level (when action is recommended) for dioxins in the food supply is between .5 pg/g and 4.5 pg/g. In 1997

the USDA banned the sale of catfish with dioxin levels of 1 pg/g, but later rescinded the order, Elston's report said. Elston's study also found high levels of the heavy metals nickel and chromium in oysters, causing them to be smaller than usual, the report said.

The first plaintiff in the suit, attorney's consultants say, was an oysterman who consumed the shellfish on a regular basis. He suffers from multiple myeloma, consultant's say. Attorneys are seeking to prove that the DuPont DeLisle Plant is the source of both dioxins and heavy metals in the area. Waste management companies associated with moving toxic materials in

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and out of the plant will also be a party to the suit, said attorney's consultants.

DuPont officials commented only briefly on the upcoming trial.

"There is simply no connection between DuPont's activities at the DeLisle facility and any health issues alleged by the plaintiff," said plant manager Pat Nichols on Wednesday. "We have great confidence in our science, our commitment to safety, and in the fairness of Mississippi jurors."

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Zoning -- casino/resort

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ect at Poinset was just denied by Planning and Zoning Commissioners last month and an appeal on the

proposed project was put aside by supervisors last week because evidence in the case had been mis-

placed. The new zoning would allow the project without appeal. Site plans would still have to be approved.

Another proposed C-4 commercial district from Poinset east to Bayou Caddy along Beach Blvd. would allow construction of new buildings without height restrictions.

Other proposed changes will add new classifications of residential zoning and split R-1 areas into four new zoning classifications, with lots ranging from 50 foot frontage to 100 foot frontage and more.

Two new classifications of Industrial zoning are also proposed.

Mercury

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the faculty and students were in no danger from exposure.

According David Kopf, superintendent of schools, the mercury was discovered when a student brought a ruptured container to the attention of a faculty member.

The school was not evacuated, although the hallway and classroom were closed while the DEQ and the EMA investigated. The area was cleaned, and classes were held at Hancock High the following day.

Kopf said he was grateful for the situation's positive outcome.

"We were very fortunate, very blessed. (The DEQ) did

a great job cleaning up the mercury at school. When you have a situation of concern, we're fortunate to have an understanding community. Smiles and enthusiasm despite mercury exposure. Parental support, good student attitude."

According to the EPA, Mercury is a naturally occurring element that is found in air, water and soil. It exists in several forms: elemental or metallic mercury, inorganic mercury compounds, and organic mercury compounds.

Mercury exposure at high levels can harm the brain, heart, kidneys, lungs, and immune system of people of all ages.

Deputy discovers 'Ice' following traffic stop

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
Hancock County Road Deputy Brandon Hendry discovered crystal meth (Ice) following a traffic violation stop in the wee hours of Easter, Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

Narcotics Division Director Major Matt Karl said, "Kenneth W. Page, 42, of Edwin Ladner Road was stopped for a traffic violation by Deputy Hendry in the Silver Creek Community around 2 a.m. Easter."

"Page was charged with one count possession of a controlled substance, (methamphetamine), street known as 'Ice', and also with driving with a suspended

driver's license, expired tag, no insurance and failure to use turning signals. Page's bond was set at \$22,500 at the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility," Karl said.

Deputy Hendry first found crystal meth in Page's pocket and more was found during a second pat down. Approximately three grams of 'Ice' was found, Karl, who is handling the investigation reported.

To report any possible illegal drug activities, or other crimes in the county, contact the sheriff's department at 228-467-5101, 601-798-8555 (Picaune Exchange), or Investigators or Narcotics, 228-467-1496.

Supreme Court turns away 1998 Billiot murder case

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to hear a procedural matter in the case of convicted Mississippi murderer James Billiot.

Billiot was sentenced to die for the Thanksgiving Day 1981 bludgeoning death of his stepfather. His mother and stepsister were also killed with a sledge hammer in Hancock County.

Billiot can still raise issues on appeal through federal courts.

In 1998, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans reinstated Billiot's death sentence

despite questions about jury instructions. That same year, the U.S. Supreme Court, without comment, refused to take the case.

Wallace Croll, 53, was killed in his Leetown community home during a robbery. Also murdered with an 8-pound hammer were Audrey Croll, 47, and Cheryl Ann Croll, 14.

Billiot was sentenced to death in Wallace Croll's death on Dec. 2, 1982.



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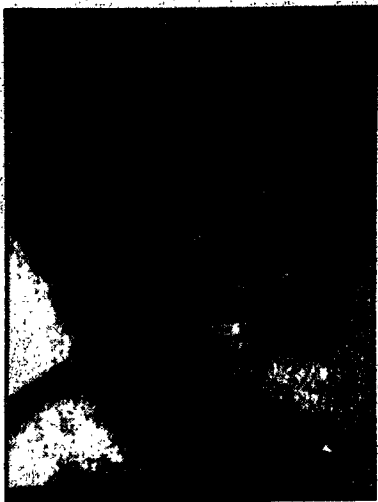
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HERMAN SHAW
GWENDOLYN TACONI**



TIFFANY HARRIS
Tiffany Dawn Harris, 33, of Waveland, MS, died Thursday, March 24, 2005, in Gulfport, MS.

She was a CNA at Miramar Nursing Home and a member of Little Zion Baptist Church.

She is survived by 2 sons Brandon and William Harris, Waveland, MS; mother Sandra Harris, Waveland, MS; father Thomas Hawkins, Sr., Waveland, MS; grandmother Sedona Harris, Waveland, MS; 3 sisters Danille, Deanna, Crystal Harris, Waveland, MS; brother Terrance Harris, Waveland, MS; nephews Dwayne Acker, Jr., and Deshaun Acker, Waveland, MS; and 2 special friends

Debbie Dorsey and Cari Carter, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 31, 2005, 10 - 11 a.m. at Little Zion Baptist Church of Waveland, MS. Services will begin at 11 a.m. followed by burial at Waveland Cemetery.

RUSSELL McDONALD
Russell Lee McDonald, 57, of Bay St. Louis, MS, died Saturday, March 26, 2005 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of New Orleans, LA, and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS.

He is preceded in death by his father, Russell Lee Teer.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Gomez of Bay St. Louis, MS, 2 daughters, Stephanie Ann McDonald of Waveland, MS, Suzette Andrea Keene of Livingston, LA, 2 brothers, Juan and Victor, 7 sisters, Tina, Stella, Theresa, Sandra, Eva, Patty, and Susan.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH MOSS
Mrs. Ruth Virginia Moss, 77, of Ellisville, MS, died on Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Lakeside Living Center in Pochuta, MS.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery in Jones

County. Rev. Greg Gavin will officiate.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Ellisville, MS.

Mrs. Moss is survived by her husband, B.O. Moss of Ellisville, MS, 3 sons and daughters-in-law: Bennis Moss, Sr., and wife Denise of Pearlinton, MS, Terry Moss and wife Kim of Ellisville, MS, and Tim Moss and wife June of Knox City, TX, brother William Myrick of Denver, CO, sister Irene Schneider of Hattiesburg, MS, 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be: Mike Cooley, Danny Hayes, Keith Jones, Mike Moss, Bennis Moss, Jr., and Clyde Odom, Jr. Honorary pallbearer will be Carl Moss.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel, which is in charge of the arrangements.

HERMAN SHAW
Herman Shaw, 74, of Perkinston, MS, died March 28, 2005, in Memorial Hospital, Gulfport, MS.

He was a native of Hancock County. He was an electrician and of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by wife Joyce Shaw; 4 sons and daughters-in-law, Danny and Robin Shaw, Brent and Sharon Shaw, of Parkinston, MS, Steven and Mary Nell Shaw, Poplarville, MS, Joey

and Deborah Shaw, Saucier, MS; and 8 grandchildren, Kendall M. Shaw, Joshua S. Shaw, Kriston S. Shaw, Talley Shaw, Kylee Shaw, Shalyn Hoffpauir, Ryan Hoffpauir, and Dustin Hoffpauir.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005, after 6 p.m. in the Cane Creek Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at the church on Friday, April 1, 2005, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the Shaw Family Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home of Poycune, MS, is in charge of the arrangements.

GWENDOLYN TACONI
Gwendolyn A. "Gwen" Taconi, 94, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2005, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

She was a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles E. Taconi, her parents, Daniel J. and Leontine Bontemps Ziegler, Sr., her sisters, Marius Ladner and Victorine Lohman, brothers, Daniel J. Ziegler, Jr. and Joseph C. Ziegler.

Mrs. Taconi is survived by her sister Leontine Washer, and by many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. with Recitation of the Rosary at 8 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The Prayer Service will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to a charity of one's choice.

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Nationally, more than 3.2 million children are reported abused and neglected in America. In 2003, more than 17,000 reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation were investigated in Mississippi. In South Mississippi, alone, more than 9,000 reports of child abuse were investigated, accounting for more than half of all reports in the state.

As horrible as these numbers are, hope is just around the corner, or only a phone call away.

The South Mississippi Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse has been providing hope and help for over a dozen years. Last year alone, the Center, through one or more of its programs, helped more than 12,000 children and families see a brighter future.

Founded in 1988 by the South Mississippi Exchange Clubs, the Center provides education, prevention and intervention services in the

southern 30 counties of the state. Services range from helping first time mothers cope with parenting, to being a mentor to an at-risk teen, or helping the victim of felony child abuse prepare for court. The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse has been busily "changing the world...one family at a time."

While the Center's staff works closely with families and children, there are still those whose needs do not get met. Therefore, volunteer opportunities are plentiful. Volunteers, who must be 18 years old, receive 16 hours of nationally approved training, 24-hour-a-day support and continuing learning and growth opportunities. Volunteer Parent Aides visit their clients, children, and families on a weekly basis and help them by setting goals toward building healthy family relationships, academic dreams and bright futures.

If there is a place in your heart for a child, there's an opportunity for you with the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

It's easy for you to tell who in your community cares about children and families. During April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, concerned citizens, local businesses and public officials wear blue lapel ribbons, and

display blue bows on their doors to remind others about child abuse and neglect. The Blue Ribbon Card Campaign began in 1989 when a Chesapeake, VA, grandmother began her testimonial of her 3-year-old grandson, who was murdered by her daughter's abusive boyfriend. "Blue serves as a constant reminder to me to fight for the protection of our children," she told a Richmond, VA, newspaper.

You too can show your concern for abused, neglected and at-risk children and their families. During April, area schools and hundreds of businesses are accepting donations of \$1 to help you show your support for the Center and the children and families it serves. Area businesses that support our vision will have blue ribbon cards for sale and will display them throughout the month, demonstrating their dedication to ending child abuse and neglect in their communities.

For more information on how you can help, or if you would like to know more about Center programs and services, contact one of our offices near you: Gulfport at (228) 868-8686/9586, Hattiesburg at (601) 545-6680, Bay St. Louis at (228) 463-0000, Wiggins at (601) 528-5676, or Pascagoula at (228) 769-1343.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets

TOPS, MS # 233, met Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Avenue and Vacation Lane in Waveland, MS.

There were 11 members present. Gift was won by Denise. Incentive was won by Denise. TOPS best loser for the week was Ann with a loss of 3.75 pounds. KOPS best loser for the week was Rose. Youth best loser for the week was Heather.

TOPS, MS #233, meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-ins is from

5-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following. Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintain-

ing that weight loss is welcome. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

St. Rose offers catfish dinners

St. Rose de Lia Catholic Church will offer catfish dinners this Friday, April 1, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church pavilion, 301 South Nicaise Ave. in Bay St. Louis. Donations are \$5. Dinners include catfish, potato salad, green beans, dessert and bread. For more

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Homestead Exemption applications will be taken through April 1, 2005. These applications must be filed in the Bay St. Louis office of the Hancock County Tax Assessor between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

You must be living in your home on or before January 1, 2005 to qualify for Homestead Exemption.

The following information is needed to file your application.

- Warranty deed
- Cost of property (closing statement)
- Down payment amount
- License plate registrations (**Your vehicles must be registered in Hancock County**)
- Drivers license

Note If you don't own a car that must be stated on the affidavit you are signing to obtain homestead exemption. **Section 27-33-31 of the Mississippi Code addresses fraudulent homestead exemption applications.**

- If you are over 65 proof of age
- If you are 100% disabled proof of disability
- If any part of the property used commercially

You must re-file your homestead application only if one of the following changes took place during the year 2004.

- You became 65 between January 2, 2004 and January 1, 2005
- You became 100% disabled on or before January 1, 2005
- You sold part of your homesteaded property during 2004
- You acquired additional property that **ADJOINS** your current homestead
- You acquired a new residence
- Your marital status changed

If you have any questions please feel free to call 228-467-4425 or 888-409-6651.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Fitzsimmons, Moore named directors at Casino Magic

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has announced the appointments of Martin Moore as Senior Director of Marketing and Richard Fitzsimmons as Director of Slots.

Fitzsimmons attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He began his career in the gaming industry in 1992 at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and has returned again after holding positions at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino in Sunland Park, New Mexico, Colorado Grand Central Station Casino in Black Hawk, Colorado and at Boomtown Casino & Hotel in Bossier City, Louisiana.

FITZSIMMONS

Moore graduated from the University of Northern Iowa and has worked in the gaming industry for 20 years. Prior to joining Penn National, he served as executive director of hospitality operations at Pearl River Resort near Philadelphia, MS, managing hotel operations, housekeeping, the call center, food and beverage, convention sales, and retail operations for Pearl River's two casinos since 2003.

MOORE

Moore joined the Choctaws as their director of advertising in 2001, where he was promoted to executive marketing director overseeing marketing, player development and VIP services. During his career in the hotel and casino industry, Moore spent several years in the hotel industry where he was the sales manager for the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, NV, and was then promoted to director of sales and marketing and was part of the opening team of the Flamingo Hilton-Laughlin. He then returned to Las Vegas as director of leisure marketing at the Las Vegas Hilton.

In 1995, Moore opened New York-New York Casino in Las Vegas where he served as vice president of marketing until 1998.

Blaize named president-elect of state mortgage group

The Mississippi Association of Mortgage Brokers (MAMB) inducted its 2005 officers at their Annual Meeting in Jackson.

The new officers are: President - Vickie Graves, MRMS of AMS Mortgage, Madison; President-Elect - Don Blaize, CRMS, MRMS of Nationwide Home Loans, Waveland; Vice President - Kenneth McNeal, MRMS of Gum Tree Mortgage, Tupelo; Secretary - Dan D'Amico, MRMS of AMS Mortgage, Madison; and Treasurer Billy Smith, MRMS of Genesis Mortgage, Southaven.

MAMB is a membership organization. For more information, contact Executive Director Rebecca Ainsworth at 601-924-4006 or by email at rebecca@msamb.org

Salary of Hattiesburg's next school chief could set record

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP)—Officials say the Hattiesburg Public School District can expect to pay a top-notch superintendent an annual salary in the range of \$155,000 per year.

That would make the district's new superintendent the highest paid among K-12 school district top executives in the state.

"Unfortunately that's what the market is requiring on a national scale to be competitive," school board president Sam Buchanan said.

Superintendent James Davis, who will be leaving the district at the end of the current school year, receives \$141,120. That salary is second only to the Tupelo superintendent.

The salary was advertised on the Web site of an Iowa-based consulting firm that specializes in nationwide superintendent searches.

Paul Hughes, a govern-

ment and psychology teacher at Hattiesburg High School, said the salary seemed high given the district's current tight budget year.

"We need to hang onto our good young teachers, but on the flip side, the superintendent sets the tone and direction of the district," Hughes said. "We're kind of caught in a bind. Any increase in money will have to be made up somewhere else."

Davis, who oversees more than 600 employees and more than 4,700 students, said the job of managing a school district is a difficult one.

"One of the things people don't realize is how large an operation a school district is," he said. "People say superintendents get paid more than mayors and some even make more than the president of the United States, but we're in charge of what are often the

biggest businesses in our communities."

The national average for superintendent salaries is \$125,000, according to the Educational Research Service, a Virginia-based nonprofit organization.

The \$125,000 figure is also similar to the Southeastern average and average salaries in school districts with enrollments between 2,500 and 9,999, according to a report in the magazine District Administrator.

The average salary for superintendents in Mississippi is \$92,060. Hattiesburg is the 23rd largest district in Mississippi and similar size districts in the state are paying salaries ranging from \$110,000 to \$120,000.

Buchanan said the district is still accepting applications and expects to begin interviewing candidates in mid-April.

Open houses kick-off Spring real estate season

Spring is here. Daylight is getting longer, flowers are blooming and baseball season is on deck.

Traditionally, spring is also the time when home buying and selling swings into high gear. To officially kick off this busy real estate period, Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc., will participate in the April 2-3 Coldwell Banker National Open House Weekend. More than 80 open houses are planned in the Bay/Waveland, Hancock County, Pass Christian areas. Nationally, Coldwell Banker affiliated companies will conduct thousands of open houses that same weekend.

According to the 2004 National Association of Realtors' Profile of Homebuyers and Sellers,

more than half of all homebuyers used open houses as a resource during their home search.

"National Open House Weekend is a great way to kick off the spring home buying and selling season," said Herb Dubuisson, President of Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc. "Open houses work well in our areas because they create buzz and draw prospective buyers to a home on the market. Hopefully Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc., customers can utilize the open house to sell their homes faster at their desired price."

All types of homes will be shown during Coldwell Banker National Open House Weekend, including existing homes, new construction and condomini-

ums.

Prospective homebuyers can visit www.coldwellbankeralfonso.com or www.coldwellbanker.com for a complete list of local Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc. open houses.

Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc., located at 640 Hwy. 90, Waveland, MS 39576, can be reached at 228-467-0244. Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Inc., with 5 offices in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties has been serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 1958.

Airport receives grant

U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor has announced that the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority is the recipient of a \$1,460,000.00 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds are given for improvements to the taxiway and installation of runway lighting at the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport.

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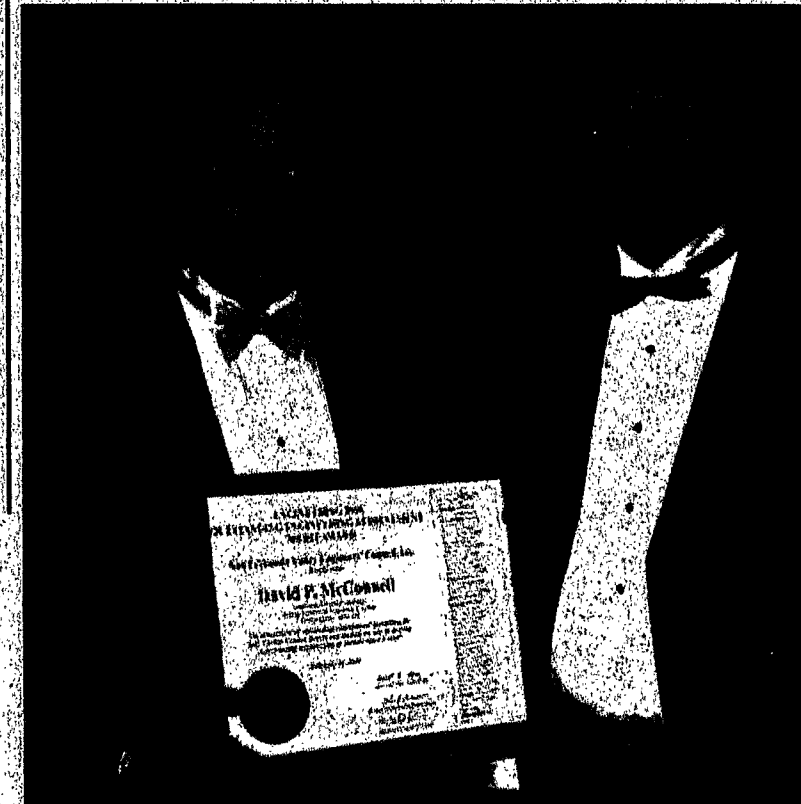
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Outstanding

David McConnell, left, was recently awarded an Outstanding Engineering Achievement Merit Award at the February 26 San Fernando Valley Engineering Council (SVEEC) 50th Anniversary Award Banquet. The honors banquet was held at the end of 2005 Engineer's Week at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. The citation read, "In recognition of your outstanding contributions in building the SSC Facility Control System and leading the way in meeting our future testing requirements at Stennis Space Center." Pictured with McConnell is Robert Tam, president of the council and a Boeing employee at Canoga Park.

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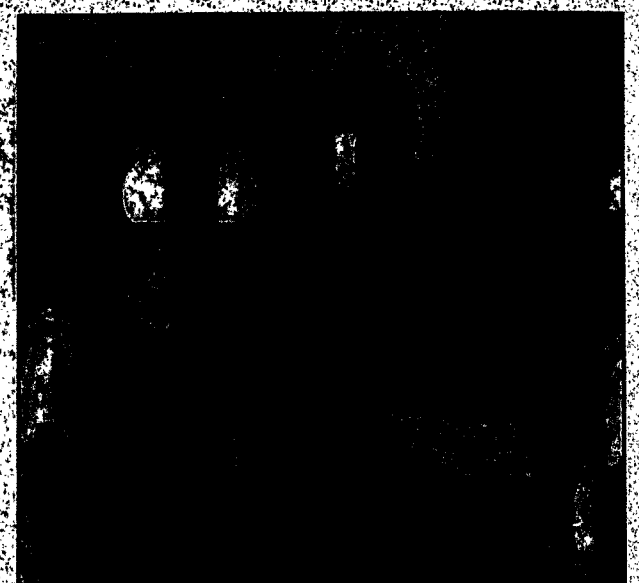
Jesus asks "Father, forgive them..." Heath Corr (Jesus) is flanked by guards Nick Shaw and Sam Chevis.



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After being taken down from the cross, Jesus is held by his mother, Mary (played by Madeline Simpson).



Jesus dies.

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Diamondhead Tennis World to host National Senior Women's Clay Court Tennis tourney

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This is announced jointly by the National Women's Tennis Association, New York, NY, and Diamondhead.

"We are most fortunate to again have been selected as the site of this most prestigious event in women's tennis," said Steve Garman, Diamondhead Tennis Director.

"Play will get under way Monday, April 4 at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the week. Approximately 80 women from the United States and Europe will vie for honors in the 60, 70, and 80 year singles and doubles events," Garman added.

Seeded first in the 60 year singles is Trish Faulkner, Beach Gardens, FL; Dorothy Matthiessen, Pasadena, CA, in the 70 year singles; and Betty Eisenstein, Washington D.C. in the 80 year singles event.

In announcing Diamondhead's selection,

the NWTa complimented the local club for its full-service 10 clay court facility with night lighting, shop with tennis fashions for men and women, racket sales, a glass-enclosed clubhouse, spacious veranda, locker rooms, shower facilities and professional teaching.

The release also complimented the staff and players at the local facility for their gracious Southern hospitality and usually good spring weather.

Betty Miller of Pass Christian is serving as tournament chairman and referee.

Garman added that the event is open to the public, free of charge.

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Being your dog's leader

Pet Projects
By
Paula Leoni

We've all seen the humorous sight of a dog sitting up behind the steering wheel of a parked car, waiting for his owner. Less funny, however, are the calls I receive, almost weekly, from owners whose dogs are, metaphorically speaking, driving their car.

Most dogs are perfectly content to remain passengers all their lives; some will try to slide over into the driver's seat if given an opportunity, and a very few would throw you out the car window and then run over you for good measure! (This last fellow has some issues that need to be addressed by an experienced professional!)

Every dog needs to be able to look to his owner for structure, teaching, discipline, and leadership. Dogs who are timid or submissive by nature will be more secure and confident when they always know what is expected of them, and that you are in control of any situation. Dogs that tend to be more outgoing and/or dominate need a firm, fair, consistent leader and clear boundaries. Basic obedience training is probably the single most important tool in establishing leadership of your dog. By learning he must obey your commands, anytime and every time, your dog recognizes that you are in charge. (You don't have to be a drill sergeant, you can insist on obedience gently, but firmly.) Exercises like "down" and "stay" reinforce your control both physically and mentally.

Having your dog sit and wait for permission before taking a treat or eating his dinner, not allowing him to bolt out the door ahead of you, teaching him to relinquish toys or other items on command; all these are day-to-day activities that will help your dog respect your position as "the driver." If you allow your dog onto the furniture or bed, be sure he understands and obeys the "off" command! It should always be your choice to allow him up or not at any given time! You don't have to pet and play with your dog every time he solicits attention from you. By responding to his every request for interaction, you're giving the message that he's in control. It's OK to say "no, not now." Discipline is not a dirty word!

Spaying or neutering your pet early will help eliminate hormonally induced undesirable behaviors, as well as provide a number of health benefits.

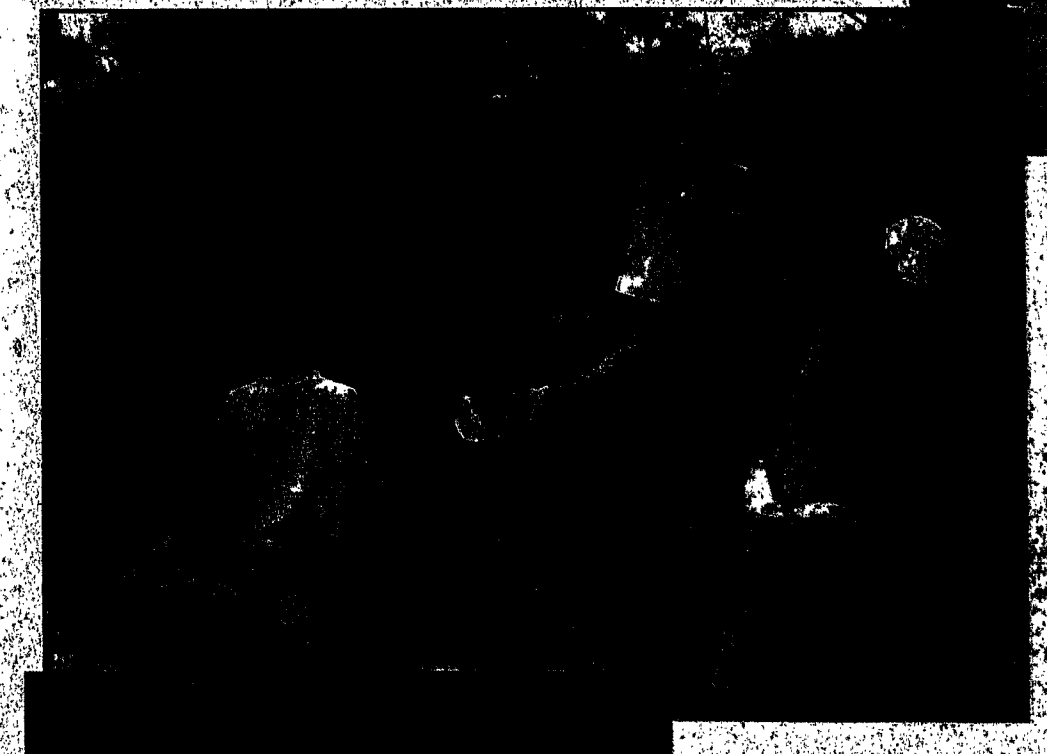
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Spring was in bloom all over the county this weekend when people and pets turned out to celebrate the Easter season with two parades and an Easter egg hunt. Rain threatened but held off till the fun was finished making for a near perfect day. In Pearlington the African American Methodist Episcopal church held their Annual Easter Parade and Easter Egg Hunt. The parade featured bunny ears and bunnies and Easter basket throws. The ladies of the church colored thousands of eggs for children to hunt in Rev. Sams Memorial Park. In Waveland pet lovers dressed up themselves and their pets for the Annual Paws on Parade down Coleman Ave. Pets and owners then participated in a variety of competitions at the soccer field at Coleman and Central. Various booths offered products and information for pets and their owners.

Echo Staff Photos by Bennie Shallbetter



Bay Catholic W-i-n-n-e-r-s



Eight Bay Catholic Elementary students won classroom competitions in grades 3-6 in order to compete for the top two slots for the Biloxi Diocese Spelling Bee which will take place on April 16th, at St. Thomas in Long Beach. Andrew McGinity placed 1st and John Santa Cruz placed 2nd. Andrew McGinity is unable to attend the Diocese Bee, so 3rd place winner, Brewer Amoult, will join John Santa Cruz to represent BCE. Susan Prendergast of the Waveland Public Library officiated and BCE teacher Mrs. Amy Seay organized the event. The attached photo is of Ms. Prendergast and the eight competitors. Front Row (l-r) Brewer Amoult, Brooke Stephens, Jeremy Mayeaux, Jade Sahuque, Michael Haas, and Caroline Collins. Back Row (l-r) John Santa Cruz, Ms. Prendergast, Andrew McGinity.

Program helps youth explore medical field

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Pearl River Community College and Mississippi State University are teaming up to help ensure the presence of health care providers throughout the state in the years to come.

An intense summer program at MSU aims to entice high school rising seniors into family medicine as Mississippi approaches a critical need for physicians. With the lowest number of physicians per person of any state in the country, the Rural Medical Scholars program's aim is to identify the state's future primary care doctors and help them become members of the medical school class of 2014.

The program is sponsored by the Mississippi Rural Health Corps, a joint effort of MSU's Extension Service and the state's 15 community and junior colleges. Thirty students entering their senior year of high

school can attend the five-week scholars program at MSU from July 3 through August 5.

Students with at least an ACT composite score of 25 will take two pre-med courses, zoology and college algebra, and observe doctors at practice throughout the program.

The selected scholars will receive free tuition, housing and meals during the programs. A \$35 registration fee will be required once students are accepted into the program. Each of the state's community and junior colleges will select and sponsor candidates from its district.

Applications are due by April 22. Contact Ethel Batson at Pearl River Community College, 601-403-1239/1250, for more information. Applications and program details are available on the web at www.RMS.mscu.edu.

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Sports

Bay bombs Gautier 9-6; Hancock picks up two W's

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Lady Tigers (7-4, 3-2) pulled into a tie for second place with Vancleave in Division 8-4A on the softball diamond with their 9-6 win over the Gautier Lady Gators on Tuesday evening.

Bay High recovered from what appeared to be a dismal first inning as the Lady Gators scored three runs in the top of the first frame.

Brittany Gaines and Janeisha Young both singled to reach base. Casey Russell drove in two runs on an error by the Bay High infield. Two more errors allowed another Gautier run before Katie Barrett closed the door on Gautier after a 22-pitch first inning.

Bay High's bats responded in the bottom half of the inning as the Lady Tigers scored two runs to make the score 3-2.

Kendra Reed and Leann Williams both went down with strikeouts but consecutive doubles by Sarah Favre and Sarah Lafontaine got Bay High going. Lafontaine doubled home Favre for Bay High's first run. Calene Tillman singled home Lafontaine for the second run before the inning ended.

Barrett faced just three batters in the second inning thanks to a heads-up play by Whitney Favre at first base. Whitney Favre made the second out, assisted by a shot to her corner by Young. Then, she fired the ball to second base to get the force out on Chelsea Peden who reached base on a walk.

Bay High was unable to get anything going in the second inning as Chrissy Johnson was the only Lady Tiger to reach base in the second on a single to rightfield.

Gautier struggled to get the ball in play off Barrett in the third inning. However, Bay High put together a two-out rally to take a 5-3 lead in the third and never looked back.

Leann Williams singled to start the inning and Sarah Lafontaine reached on a walk. With two outs, Sara Gilmore drove a 1-2 pitch back up the middle for a two-run single that scored Williams and Lafontaine. Whitney Favre got an infield single. Johnson



Bay High outfielder Chrissy Johnson connects on one of her two hits in the Lady Tigers 9 to 6 win over Gautier Tuesday night.

drove in a run on an error by the Gautier shortstop to make the score 5-3.

Neither team got anything going in the fourth inning and Barrett took care of Gautier in the top of the fifth inning getting two K's.

In the bottom half of the fifth inning, Bay High got four runs again on a two-out rally.

Lafontaine and Tillman each reached base on errors while Sara Gilmore advanced on a fielders choice. Whitney Favre ripped an RBI single to leftfield to make the score 6-3.

Johnson highlighted the inning for Bay High when she rapped a 2-run triple to leftfield to make the score 8-3 and put the game out of reach for Gautier. Katie Barrett helped her own cause with a RBI single to centerfield that scored the final Bay High run.

In the top of the sixth inning, Gautier put together their own 2-out rally and scored three runs. Russell started the inning with a single. Then, Barrett got the next two batters to ground out before Cierra Moye got an RBI single to make the score 9-4.

Laterica Blalock reached base on an error before Lauren Goff had a 2-run single to rightfield before the inning ended.

Bay High was unable to answer in the bottom half but still controlled the game on the scoreboard 9-6 heading into the final three outs for Gautier.

Sara Gilmore replaced Barrett on the mound and only threw four pitches. The change from Barrett, a left-hander, to Gilmore, a right-hander, was too much for Gautier. Three consecutive ground outs by Gautier ended the game.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett commented, "We are beginning to hit a little better which is something that we have been concentrating on. Our defense has to get better. The pitching has been well. Even in the games we have lost, we have pitched well enough to win. Our defense needs to become a focus for us down the stretch."

Gilmore got the save for Bay High after Barrett threw 97 pitches for the win. Chrissy Johnson led the Lady Tigers at the plate with two hits and three RBIs. Whitney Favre also

had two hits for Bay High.

In other recent diamond action, Hancock (8-9, 0-4) defeated Pass Christian 4-2 on Saturday, March 26th. Hancock opened the game with two runs in the first and added a run in the fourth and fifth to double-up on Pass Christian. Brad McGlade got the win on the mound while Jeremy Miller took the loss.

Later on Saturday, Pass Christian (9-10, 2-4) defeated St. Martin 2-1. Ben Malley got the win for the Pirates and Frederick Wiley had a multiple hit game.

On Friday, March 25th Hancock defeated Bay High 5-4. Hancock erupted for four runs in the first inning and added another run in the fifth to get the win. Bay High scored two runs in both the second and third innings. Micah Mitchell gained the win for Hancock while Trevor Adam suffered the loss. Chance Whitfield led Hancock at the plate with three hits and Adam had two hits for Bay High. Justin Ladner, Cade Ladner and Mitchell all had RBIs for Hancock in the win.

Pass Christian defeated D'Iberville 10-0 in Division 8-4A action on Friday night. The Pirates scored four runs in the first and fourth innings and added two more runs in the fifth.

Ryan Davis got the win on the mound with 10 K's. Davis and Brett Sanders each had multiple hits for Pass Christian including triples for each.

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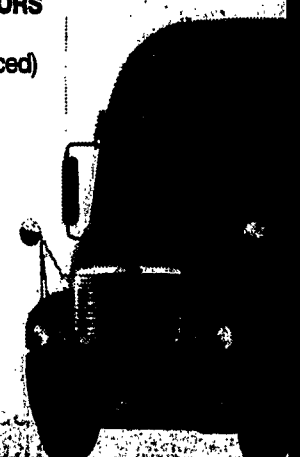
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Hancock County Little League-Girls Fastpitch Softball will host an open house on Saturday, April 2 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Lakeshore Field, next to Gulfview Elementary, for all registered players and their families to tour the facility and meet the staff. Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be served, and the girls will be able to participate in sever-

al softball-related activities. Literature will be available to anyone wanting to learn more about Little League policies and procedures and the rewards of participation in the Little League family.

For a map, or to learn more about the league, visit www.teamz.com/hancock-countyll. If you have not registered yet, now is the time, as the league prepares,

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Facilitator for the program is Leah Holmes, who taught at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St.

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Entertainment

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Lee Ann Womack, A-list country artist, is set to perform at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on April 1st & 2nd at 9 p.m. She scored country chart-toppers with "I Hope You Dance," "Never Again, Again," "The Fool," and "I May Hate Myself in the Morning." Tickets for these performances start at \$24.95. For more information on upcoming entertainment at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis visit their Web site at www.casinomagic-baystlouis.com. Remember, you must be at least 21 to attend all shows.

Concert tickets available for PRCC Extravaganza

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Concert tickets are now on sale for the 18th annual Pearl River Community College

River Extravaganza, featuring popular singer, songwriter and performer Jeff Bates, a Marion County native who will be making his first appearance at the Extravaganza. Bates' hit single "The Love Song" is #24 on the charts this week.

PRCC's night of fun and entertainment is set for Sunday, April 10, in the M.R. White Coliseum at the Poplarville campus. The concert tickets are \$20 and available through the PRCC Development Foundation office at (601) 403-1183. Admission will be at 8:15 p.m.

"We are really excited about having Jeff Bates as our entertainer," said Donna Wilson Lee, Director of the sponsoring PRCC Development Foundation. "Jeff is from the Columbia area and ever since we booked him the interest in this year's Extravaganza has been at an all-time high. The remaining tickets are for the concert only and sales are limited," said Lee.

Bates has made a name for himself with his debut album, *Rainbow Man*, which rings with believability about his hard-luck story

growing up. As the title tune suggests, Bates is, indeed, a "Rainbow Man" of a multi-ethnic heritage. Some of the album's songs include "My In-laws Are Outlaws," "Already Spent," "Country Enough" and "Long, Slow Kisses."

His debut hit single "The Love Song" captures the essence of love in its myriad forms and he treats the same topic in more rhythmic terms on "Your Lovin' Talks to Me" and "Lovin' Like That." The bluesy "My Mississippi" is nothing less than his autobiography in song. And Bates truly did find salvation on "The Wings of Mama's Prayers."

"The River Extravaganza is an exciting annual event for Pearl River. It is not only a very successful fund raiser but provides a wonderful evening of delicious food and great entertainment," said Lee.

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In Cajun communities, a Fais Do Do is a communal dance held traditionally in rural dancehalls. Fais Do Do means "go to sleep" in Cajun French, as the children were put to bed early while the adults danced and socialized all night long.

Rayne, Louisiana native Jo-El Sonnier has been the undisputed "King of Cajun" for the past 20 years. With three Grammy nominations under his belt for his traditional French recordings, Sonnier has performed around the world, from the New Orleans Jazz Festival to concerts in South

America. As a song writer, Sonnier has had his songs recorded by artists such as Johnny Cash, George Strait and Jerry Lee Lewis. Sonnier has also done his share of acting, appearing in "Mask", starring Cher and Sam Elliot and "A Thing Called Love", starring Sandra Bullock and River Phoenix.

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\$173,500 Lg new waterfront. Cathedral ceilings, huge open light & bright great room w/open kitchen area & island. 8' covered deck, bulk headed, close to the river. Area 04-MLS # 161288 Call Paul Shippey @ 228-332-1554

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MANIERI REAL ESTATE, LLC: 216-5750. Diamondhead, 2BR/2.5BA, central a/h, 2 car garage, spacious, very nice, easy access, \$950/month, \$950 deposit.

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MANIERI REAL ESTATE, LLC: 216-5750. B.S.L., furnished 2BR/1BA, central a/h, waterfront, close to casino, \$875/month, \$875 deposit.

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WAVELAND 102 YEAR OLD TURN of the century cottage, 1 1/2 blocks from beach, 2 blocks from downtown Waveland. 4 bedroom 1 bath, \$75,200. Debbie McNeil. 228-493-0536. Regional Realty Group 228-469-0001.

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
LONNIE BOURGEOIS PLAINTIFF
VS.
CLAYTON BANKSTON, JR. AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS. DEFENDANTS
CASE NO. C2301-05-21619

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
TO: (1) Clayton Bankston, Jr., if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address, was P.O. Box 113 Melrose, Louisiana 70004, and who he is dead, unknown heirs at law or devisees, whose names, last known addresses, both post office and street address, are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry, (2) Any and All Other Persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the herein after described land.
Lots 1 through 6, Block 3, Waveland Highlands Subdivision, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the official plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Plaintiff P. Bourgeois, Plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.
The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.
You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer to the complaint, and in addition, a copy of your written answer should be mailed to the Clerk of this Court by certified mail, return receipt requested, to George H. Lipscomb, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.
YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 17 DAY OF MARCH, 2005, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE SUBSTITUTION OF THE SUMMONS. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE COMPLAINT.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE and official seal this 15th day of March, 2005.
(SEAL)
Timothy A. Keller
CHANCERY CLERK
By: Pamela R. Cuevas
DEPUTY CLERK
03/17/03; 03/24/03; 03/31/05

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE OF AUDREY B. BAUD
NO. 2005-165
Letters Testamentary have been granted on the 14th of March, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned EUGENE A. BAUD, under the estate of AUDREY B. BAUD, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within 90 days from date of first publication, or they will be forever barred.
This 18th day of March, 2005
(SEAL)
S/EUGENE A. BAUD
Executor
03/24/03; 03/31/03; 04/07/05

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on the 13th day of February, 2004, Tenn Fleetwood, executed a Deed of Trust to Charlene Roberts, Trustee for the benefit of Stuart Company, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 815, Pages 773-775, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned to do so, on the 14th day of April, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property, situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: All of Lot 27 and the East one-half of Lot 28 Block 3 Waveland Gateway Subdivision in Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the Official Plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, dated September 1949 on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, together with all and singular rights of privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any way appertaining.
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 14th day of March, 2005
/s/ Thomas E. Prior
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
1587 Northeast Expressway
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PUBLISHED: 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 & 4/7/2005

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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WHEREAS, on the 14th day of February, 2005, Brian Bridges and wife, Michelle S. Bridges, executed a Deed of Trust to and for the benefit of Stuart Company, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 822, Pages 343-345, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and
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All thumbs on home projects? Here's some things you should ask contractors

BY DAVID BRADLEY

For AP Weekly Features

Let's face it, home projects aren't everyone's cup of tea. Lots of homeowners don't have the skills, or the time -- or the interest.

But where consumers shouldn't drop their guard is managing inevitable relationships with contractors they hire to do it for them.

At risk for the ill-prepared are thousands of dollars in project costs and untold weeks or months of dusty, noisy inconvenience. Toss into the mix the potential for strife caused by miscommunication and unmet expectations, and all the money and hours poured into the task can be so much water down the refurbished drain.

In markets where labor is scarce, homeowners feel lucky to find a contractor -- any contractor -- to take their



On many complicated home improvement projects, such as adding a room or creating a major landscaping project such as the above, it can pay to hire a capable contractor.

money. In most cases, they're putting questions for fear the contractor will walk away.

But that's when things can get dicey. It's in your best interests to ask basic questions of potential contractors. Any contractors worth their salt also want to clear up ambiguities or at the very least sell you on why they are good or how they make customer lives easier.

Focus your inquiries on finance, schedules, scope of work and expectations. In some instances, you won't so much ask questions as make declarative statements such as, "This is what I expect for our new bath." What questions really do is create a climate for conversation between both parties.

Questions are best asked before you ask for a bid. This leads to more accurate bids by contractors. Remember: bids are important but far from the only deciding factor. Often, the low bid isn't the price you want to accept.

Scope of work questions:

Here's our project. What work will it entail in terms of tearing out walls, plumbing, etc.?

Do you see any particular

construction issues we need to deal with right now?

Who will perform the work on our project? What is their track record?

If you run into unexpected situations, call us before proceeding.

We would like to have only one person with authority for house keys.

Finance questions:

Who will order and pay for materials?

We would like to pay for your service as portions of the work are completed.

How do you typically handle project finances and spending for materials?

How will we both handle change orders?

Will you arrange for permits and licenses?

We want to talk at least once each week about budget items.

Schedule questions:

What is a typical workday for you and your crews?

How long should this project take barring any unforeseen changes or problems?

We request you not show up before 8 a.m.

What special order materials should be ordered now to avoid delays?

Here's where you can park and the bathroom you should use.

Expectation questions:

We want the project to involve the best possible materials and construction practices.

We want the project to involve the lowest-cost materials and construction practices.

What is most important to us is quality of construction.

We expect the job site to be clean of debris at the end of the workday.

Are there questions you have about our expectations?

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Storm prep vital for homeowners

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History teaches that a lack of hurricane awareness and preparation are common threads among all major hurricane disasters. In the event of a hurricane, protecting your home plays a major factor for homeowners along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. By knowing your home's vulnerability and what actions you should take, you can reduce the effects a hurricane will have on your home.

One of the most vulnerable areas of a home is of course windows and doorways.

Doorways, Inc., a wholesale manufacturer of Bahama and Colonial shutters, has a few ideas for homeowners who want to be prepared.

"Begin with a yearly inspection of shutters and panels," said Don Ishee, President of Doorways, Inc. "Test your shutters and practice putting them in place. The worst time to find out your shutters or panels are in need of service or repair is in the face of a hurricane."

Choosing the best kind of shutter for your home can be taxing. Ishee has several suggestions: "There are many options for homeowners," said Ishee. "Depending on budget, style of the home, and type of protection needed."

Doorways, Inc. offers the best in Bahama and Colonial shutters, Accordions, panels, and a variety of roll-down systems. "Our shutters are built from heavy aluminum extrusions," said Ishee. "All our fasteners are stainless steel and a powder coat paint is used making our products not only the highest in quality, but longevity as well."

"At Doorways, we realize that shutters are not just for storm protection, but decorative reasons as well," said Ishee. "Shutters can dramatically change the appearance of a home."

Extra time and effort is spent on even the smallest

details and designs to assure Doorways clients the finest in quality and the most options available. Doorways, Inc. also has a full line of accessories and parts, including hinge systems.

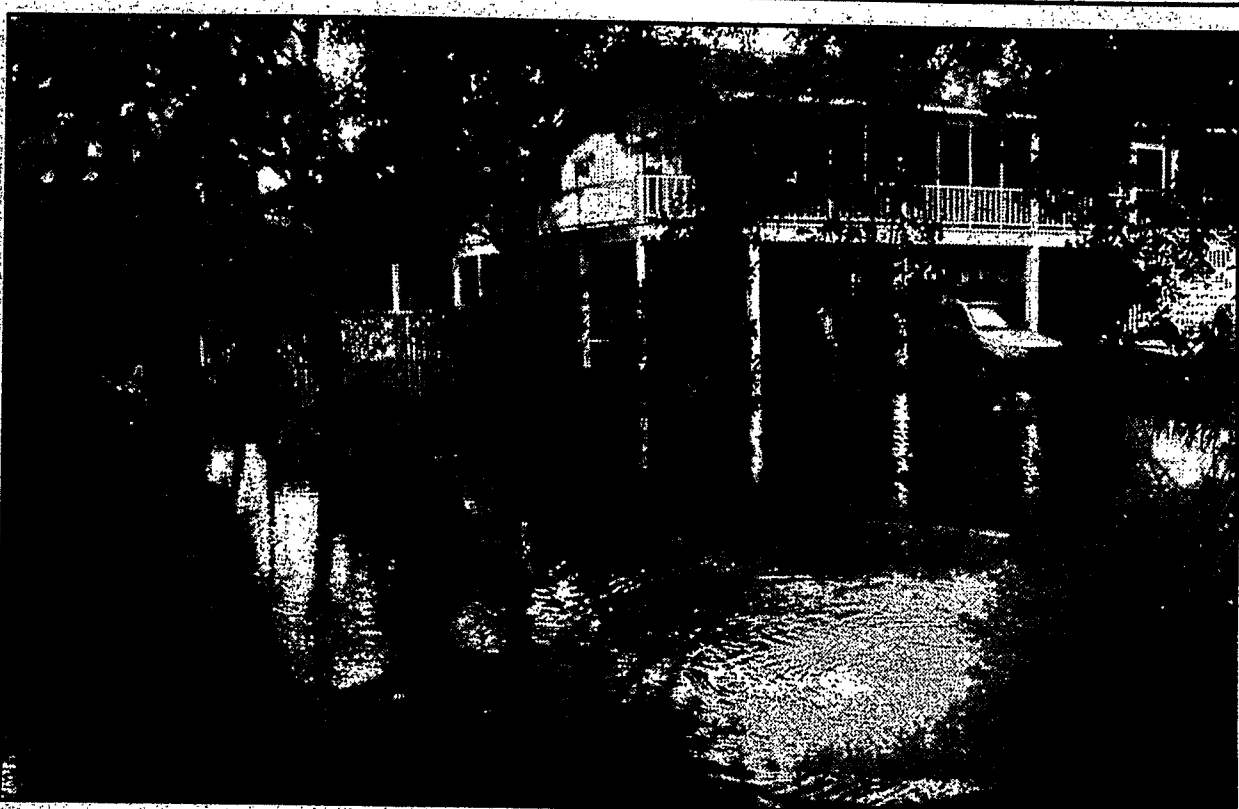
Adding storm protection is one of the most important decisions a homeowner can make. That is why Ishee recommends that homeowners find a company they can trust. "There are several things to keep in mind," said Ishee. "Make sure the company is licensed, get references, and above all, check the references." Ishee states, "If the company provides the references, they will likely not give you names of unsatisfied customers; thus referrals from friends and relatives are preferable." Ishee also encourages home owners check with the Better Business Bureau, your local licensing authority, and contractor associations.

Another key issue Ishee stresses is to be sure anyone working on your home is insured. "Anyone doing any type of work on your home should present you with a certificate of insurance," said Ishee. "This covers you the home owner as well as the business from potential law suits."

Information for this article was taken from Doorways, Inc. you can find more information about storm proofing products by visiting www.msdoorways.com or by calling Don or Barbara Ishee at (228) 832-8857, or see the ad on this page. Doorways, Inc. is a member of ABC, Mississippi Gulf Coast Home Builders Association, Southeast Mississippi Home Builders Association and International Door and Operators Association.

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How to start your own home garden

Gardening is a wonderful pastime. What could be better than a hobby that adds beauty to your home, value to your property, and can be enjoyed for a lifetime? For many beginners, however, starting a garden can be intimidating and daunting. Often, people are scared to devote the time and energy to start a time-consuming project that may have some failures along the way. But by taking a few simple steps, any novice can easily sow his own successful garden.

When starting your garden, consider its environment — the quality of the soil, the temperature and the amount of sunlight and water plants will receive. Every garden is different, but there are a variety of plants available that can suit the most diverse conditions.

SOIL QUALITY

Soil quality is one of the most important parts of a successful garden (and one of the easiest things to improve). Is your soil dark and loose, does it retain moisture, and is it free of weeds? If so, you're off to a good start. If not, the best thing to do is start from scratch. Dig up the existing dirt and

replace it with quality topsoil mixed with organic humus from a local nursery. Doing this will ensure that you're starting with a base that is nutrient rich and weed free.

PLANT SELECTION

When it comes to plant selection, it's important to understand the difference

between annuals and perennials. Annuals, such as marigolds, pansies and daisies, grow over the course of one season, and then die. Perennials, such as alyssum, hollyhock and lavender, grow over the course of a season and can return for many years. They can be less work because you don't have to re-

seed or re-plant each season, and the soil has time to nurture its inhabitants.

But perennials often don't reach maturity the first season they're planted. So it's often best to mix your first garden with annuals and perennials. Mixing the two will set up your garden for a great future, while delivering variety in the present.

LIGHT

Gauge the amount of sunlight your garden gets. Different plants thrive in various levels of sunlight. If you're unsure, look for hardy plants that do well in a variety of conditions. Pansies, for example, grow well in direct sunlight or partial shade.

PLANTS VERSUS SEEDS

When it comes to purchasing plants, gardeners often

have to choose between grown plants and seeds. Seeds are cheaper, but note that the process can be difficult. Many types of seeds need to be germinated indoors, and young sprouts can be vulnerable to weather and insects. It's wiser to start with hardy plants that were grown in a nursery. Weather is also important; find out which garden zone you are in (consult the USDA map online at www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/index.html), and buy plants that are appropriate for your region.

TOOLS

Every job requires the right tools. Go to a local nursery or garden center and purchase a hand trowel, rake, pickaxe and pruners. Before planting, rake the soil and water it thoroughly. Lay in your plants according to their care instructions at the right time of the season (often after the last frost), in a section of the garden that will provide adequate sunlight. Make sure they receive the recommended amount of water, and inspect them regularly to make sure they are free of insects and other pests. Be on the lookout for weeds and pluck them weekly.

If you take things slowly and start with easy-to-grow plants that receive adequate sunlight, water and healthy soil, you're 90 percent done. As always with nature, problems can arise — such as bad weather or unexpected pests — but don't let minor setbacks distract you from enjoying your hobby. If you run into trouble, ask an employee at your local nursery for some help. Then sit back and enjoy your beautiful garden!



Gardening not only offers a beautiful touch to your home, it's a hobby that can be enjoyed by all age groups.



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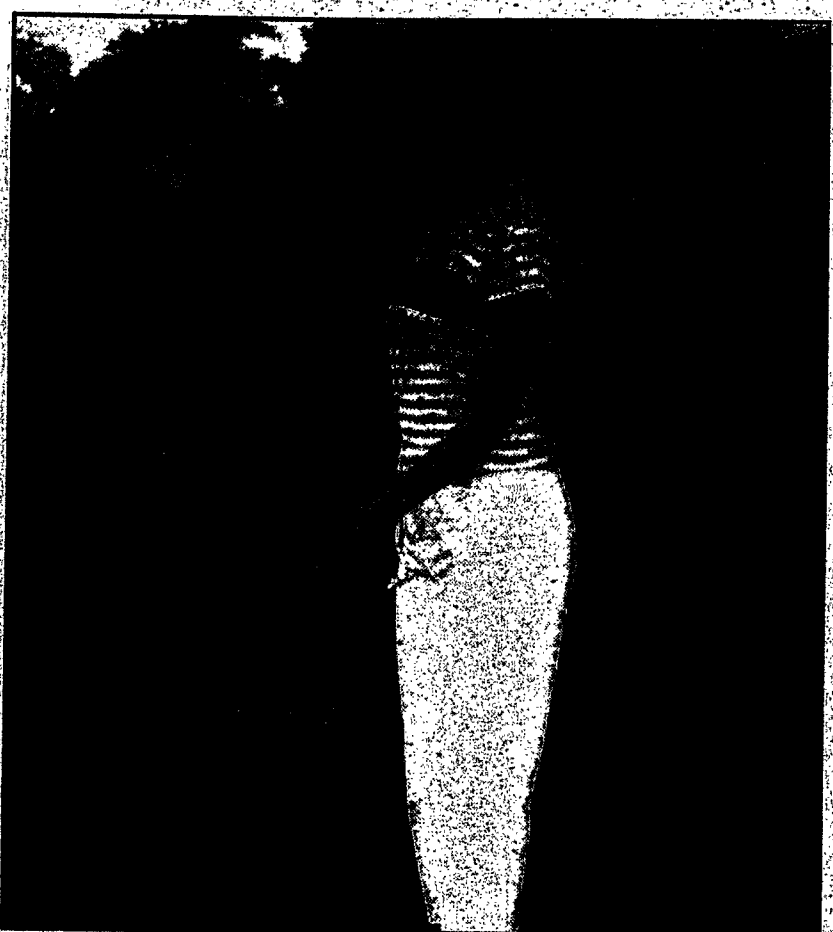
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Getting rid of dandelions and weeds without using chemicals is a more environmentally-friendly way of maintaining your lawn, but it can be challenging. Oftentimes, one has no choice but to get down on his hands and knees to pull up weeds or dig them out with some sort of tool. It can be a tough, time-consuming task. But it doesn't have to be if you use the proper tools and follow these simple techniques.

PULL WEEDS RIGHT

Identify the weeds in your garden and learn about their life cycles. Annuals spread by seed, so you need to pull them before their seeds set. To eliminate perennials, dig out the entire root. Comfortable tools, like the UpRoot(R) Weed & Root Remover from Fiskars, can make the job less painful. The UpRoot lets you weed your garden while standing

upright. Its long stainless-steel claws dig deeper and grab more of the root. A lever mechanism at the base of the shaft pulls the weed out in one smooth, effortless action.

COVER BARE SOIL

Add 2 to 4 inches of organic mulch to cover bare soil. It will help prevent weed seeds from germinating.

KEEP WEED SEEDS BURIED

Soil can contain as many as 80,000 weed seeds per square yard. When you dig down and turn soil, those seeds are exposed to sunlight and rain, causing them to sprout and grow. That's why you should cover your garden with an inch of "clean" compost, which is free of weed seeds, after turning soil.

DON'T WATER WEEDS

Even weeds can't grow without water, so use a watering method, such as a Fiskars soaker hose, which

applies water directly to the plants you want to grow.

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On Dangerous Ground:

Five tips to help reduce groundwater pollution

It's not as obvious as litter on the side of the road or toxic waste dumped into rivers and streams, but contaminated groundwater is a form of pollution that can be just as serious. And whether they know it or not, many gardeners are contributing to this growing environmental problem.

As homeowners apply more and more fertilizer to their lawns and gardens, environmental regulators are seeing the emergence of a new ecological challenge. Many well-intentioned gardeners are overfeeding their plants, and these extra nutrients are running off through the soil, polluting lakes, rivers — and our drinking water.

Gardeners rely on fertilizer to add important nutrients — primarily nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium — to hungry roots. The problem

arises when a plant is satiated and the fertilizer keeps coming, which drowns the roots in a sea of nutrients. With the plant too full to absorb them, the nutrients can leach into groundwater. This leaching may destroy aquatic habitats, poison cattle and sheep, contaminate recreational waterways, and, in the most serious cases, make people sick — particularly infants.

Unconditioned soil is often the chief contributor to this growing problem. Sandy soil drains quickly, which increases the rate that chemicals leach into groundwater. Heavy clay soil delays the leaching process, but it drains so slowly, it increases surface runoff — also a problem.

According to environmental scientists, the relatively tiny amount of runoff each garden contributes may seem insignificant, but when it's

combined with the millions of other gardens across the country, the collective pollution can pose a serious threat.

So what's a conscientious gardener to do? There are several wise choices you can make to cut down on contamination.

1. Design with runoff in mind. Much of the problem can be eliminated through better planning before you plant: A landscape design that accounts for potential runoff issues — for example, replacing turf on steep slopes with plants or paving materials that require less fertilizer, pesticides and water — can nip the problem in the bud.

2. Get a soil test. A properly administered soil test can help you identify how much of each nutrient your soil needs, ensuring that you won't overapply, say, nitrogen, when all your particular plot of soil really needs is



To reduce the leaching or runoff of fertilizers, improve the soil by adding peat moss or other organic material.

more phosphorous. County extension offices or nurseries will test your soil, or you can purchase a kit so you can do it yourself.

3. Condition the soil. Adding an organic soil conditioner like peat moss to the soil helps it absorb fertilizer and hold it until the plant needs it, rather than letting it seep into the ground all at once. Peat moss helps bind sandy soil so it slows leaching. And it loosens clay soil, which helps prevent runoff.

4. Don't overwater. Too much water can wash away soil and nutrients. Instead of using a sprinkler, which can water an area too quickly,

consider a slow-release soaker hose to keep runoff to a minimum.

5. Practice environmentally friendly pest management. Pesticides can also pollute groundwater. There are several effective alternatives to spraying your garden with chemicals, including planting pest-resistant vegetation or using organic pest-control methods such as beneficial insects. The idea is to make the garden a healthy place for plants to thrive, while also making it inhospitable for pests.

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The backyard vegetable garden basics

Anyone can buy vegetables. But when you grow them yourself, you can literally eat the fruits (well, vegetables!) of your labor. It's like having your own personal produce section — a deep-purple eggplant in the summer or a golden butternut squash in the fall, right from the vine.

All you need to get started is an outdoor space that gets at least six hours of direct sunlight per day and boasts rich, fertile, well-drained soil. And, importantly, you must be willing to pour love and care into your garden. Here are the tools to make your garden grow:

Pick your plants wisely. Beginners are smart to start with easy-to-grow plants like tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, squash, and eggplants, says Fran Sorin, author of "Digging Deep: Unearthing Your Creative Roots Through Gardening," (Warner Books). You can also factor in what you like to eat. However, Debbie Lonnee, a horticulturist at Bailey Nurseries (www.baileynurseries.com), warns that you have to consider the climate of your hometown. "A veggie garden in Minnesota is entirely different from one in North Carolina," she says. "You have to consider the last frost of the spring, the first frost of the fall, and the number of frost-free days in between. The length of the season will help you determine which varieties of vegetables may grow best." Your best bet is to ask an expert at your nursery or the place where you purchase your seeds and plants.

Plant in the proper loca-



Skip that salad bar and produce section! By starting your own vegetable garden, you can enjoy a salad with vegetables that are right from your own garden.

tion. Your garden won't flourish if you don't have enough room to properly space out your vegetables. Beans, for example, tend to grow on stalks that need to be properly attached to a trellis that allows them to climb upward. And zucchini have large leaves and flowers that need plenty of space to grow.

You can also strategize about the placement of plants. "Certain plants thrive alongside one another and make excellent companion plants: Hot pepper plants do well alongside eggplant, tomato, okra, Swiss chard, escarole, squash and cucumbers," according to garden writer Pepper Joe's article, "Planning and Designing Your Vegetable Garden," for www.gardenguides.com. He also suggests placing your smallest plants in the front of your garden and continuing in ascending height order so the tallest are in the back. This strategy maximizes each plant's sunlight by preventing shorter plants from

getting shade.

An affordable landscape-design program for your computer or a simple sketch allows you to map out the design of your garden and plant placement. Plant vegetables far enough

apart so there is plenty of air circulation between them when they mature, says Sorin. One of the biggest mistakes that novice gardeners make is to plant their new plants too close together with no understanding of how huge they will become, she says.

Once you've decided what to plant and where to plant it, follow the instructions for sowing your veggies that are on either the back of the seed's packet or on the postcard that came with your plant.

Shower them with love. Vegetables need about one inch of water per week. If the rainwater isn't enough, add water to plants with a hose. Plants should be watered either early in the morning

or late in the evening. There is little or no sun during those times, so you prevent scorching and water evaporation.

Control weeds and bugs. Pulling out weeds and controlling critters are other important aspects of caring for a vegetable garden, says Lonnee. A fence will keep out animals like deer or squirrels. But don't forget to be wary of insect infestations, she says. Sorin suggests buying ladybugs, which are pred-

ators for unwanted insects, and placing them in your garden. She adds that neem oil, an all-organic insecticide, will also help eliminate pesky bugs. She suggests using mulch and organic fertilizer to help the soil retain moisture and nutrients and prevent weeds.

Follow this game plan, and you'll turn to your garden — not the supermarket's produce section or the local restaurant's salad bar — to enjoy your favorite veggies.

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Secrets of allergy-friendly gardening

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tain plants, flowers, and trees that are less likely to trigger allergic reactions.

If you want to keep your allergies at bay this spring, replace what's in your garden or around your home with

these: apple, begonia, cherry, clematis, columbine, daffodil, daisy, dogwood, geranium, hyacinth, hydranega, impatiens, iris, lilac, lily, magnolia, rose, sunflower, tulip, and zinnia.

Sow the seeds for a successful garden

We all know that "April showers bring May flowers." However, gardening is a year-round pastime. So showers alone won't cut it.

In order to have a lush and vibrant garden harvest of flowers, vegetables, herbs, and spices — not to mention a healthy lawn adorned with leafy trees and kempt hedges — you'll have to use your green thumb. But before you begin, you need to consider a few basic items that will help you sow the seeds for a successful garden.

Tools — Some basic tools every gardener should own include gardening gloves, a hand fork and trowel, pruners, a spade, fork and hoe, a watering can and hose, various water sprayers, a rain gauge, a thermometer, a wheelbarrow, bushel baskets

and buckets, plant tags, a lawn mower, and a rake.

Soil — Healthy soil should be every gardener's top priority. Start by digging into and turning over the soil to increase air spaces and promote plant growth. Clearing away weeds and debris is also important, and, when necessary, weed killer and fertilizer can remedy soil conditions.

Bulbs and seeds — Before you select the bulbs or seeds you'd like to plant, consider how big the plant will get, how it will thrive in your soil conditions, and how it will look in relation to the other plants or trees you're planning to grow.

Trees, shrubs, and flowers — In addition to new bulbs and seeds, you need to make time for the plants you've already grown.

Pruning trees and shrubs encourages them to flower

and grow, while keeping them manageable and neat.

Flowers, specifically roses, annuals, and some perennials, benefit from deadheading, the removal of dead flower heads to encourage new buds.

Lawn — Mowing the lawn makes grass more dense and less susceptible to weeds. Grass grows most rapidly during mild or cool weather, especially when the ground is moist, so you'll have to mow more frequently in the spring and fall to keep a well-tended lawn.

In summer, or when the weather is warm and dry, mow less frequently and set the mower blades higher.

Gardening is a year-round hobby that provides rewarding results. The more you tend to your garden, the more responsive it will be. So get your tools ready and "plot" your agenda!

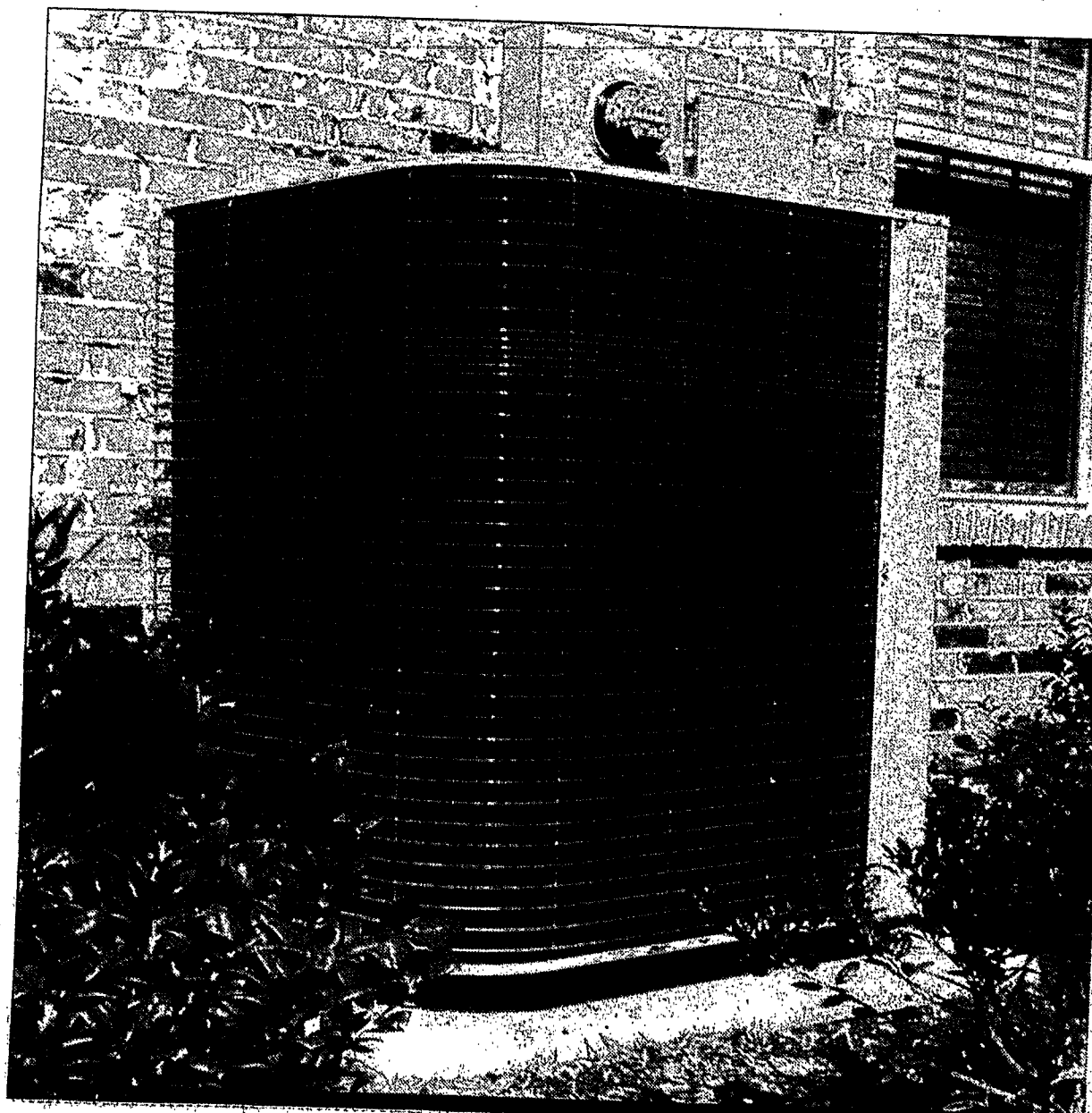
Build your own greenhouse

There are three kinds of greenhouses that you can build — a hot greenhouse, a warm greenhouse, or a cold greenhouse. Keepers of a hot greenhouse should maintain an indoor temperature of at least 65 F. Ideal for tropical or exotic plants. The temperature remains about 55 F in a warm greenhouse, which is perfect for growing flowers such as sunflowers or vegetables such as lettuce. In a cold greenhouse, the temperature should be between 40 F and 45 F.

Greenhouses should receive at least six hours of direct sunlight a day, but you can supplement light with lamps if necessary.

When building a greenhouse, the lean or rigid board insulation in the foundation is that during the winter months you can prevent the freezing ground below from affecting the temperature inside.

The key to success is monitoring your plants. Always keep the inside temperature constant, and water and fertilize plants as directed. Be aware of each plant's needs. For example, a rare orchid or African violet probably will require more attention than an onion or daisy. As a greenhouse keeper, green is now your signature color. Wear it well!



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A strawberry pot is ideal for keeping a fresh herb garden. All it takes are the right ingredients: healthy potting soil with plenty of organic matter like peat moss, herbs, and lots of sunshine.

Grow herbs at home

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme. You can grow your favorite herbs in a decorative planter for a delightful display and handy supply. Creating an herb planter is easy. You just need a strawberry pot, about 10 herb plants, peat-based potting mix, some small stones, and a cardboard wrapping-paper tube.

A strawberry pot is an ideal planter because its protruding pockets let an assortment of herbs cascade from all sides, providing versatility in the kitchen, as well as an attractive show on the deck.

Most herbs are sun-lovers, so choose a sunny site where they will be convenient for picking. For attractive results, position tall herbs, such as chives, parsley, and mint, at the center and shorter or trailing herbs toward edges and in the pockets.

For best results, use a top-quality, peat-based potting mix. An easy way to judge quality is to look at the ingredients listed on the potting-mix bag. If Canadian sphagnum peat moss is the first

ingredient listed, it means there is more peat than any other ingredient, which assures you of good quality. The proper mix is particularly important for container plants to ensure adequate drainage. Yard soils tend to retain too much water, leading to rotting roots. Poor-quality potting mixes allow water to run through too quickly, leading to dried-out plants.

1. Add about 2 inches of peat moss to the bottom of the strawberry planter. Place the cardboard tube in the center of the planter. Work it into the peat moss so that it remains upright.

2. Fill the pot with potting mixture to the first pockets. Now add plants, gently passing roots through the holes. Cover roots with potting mix, and repeat until planter is filled. Leave about 1 inch between the potting mixture and the planter rim to allow for watering.

3. Fill the cardboard tube with small stones, and then carefully pull out the tube. The stones improve drainage, allowing water to seep evenly throughout the potting mix.

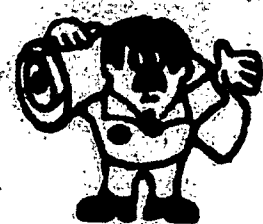
4. Plant herbs in the open soil at the top of the planter. Use herbs that require less water, like basil, thyme, and rosemary.

The herbs should be ready for picking within a few weeks. Water the planter frequently to keep the soil moist but not wet to the touch, and apply a water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks. Pick herbs often, never taking more than a third of the plant at one time. The best time to pick is in the morning. For best flavor and fragrance, harvest herbs before they bloom.

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Six easy steps to a successful container garden

Container planting is one of the most creative gardening forms in which color combinations, texture and even the container itself can make a statement. Container gardens can express your artistry or set a mood in the house, on your deck or front porch, and even in the garden.

The following are simple, easy-to-follow steps to get things started — even for those of you who don't think you have a green thumb!

Step 1: Select the right pot for your plant.

* Any container that appeals to you is a possibility — choose colors, sizes, and styles that not only match your plant, but also your environment.

* Think foam! Foam pots, like those from Fiskars Garden & Outdoor Living,

are extremely lightweight yet durable. The pot's polyurethane foam also protects roots in extreme temperatures.

* Pot should be 1 to 2 inches larger than the root ball so roots have room to grow and expand (large plants may need more space — 2 to 3 inches).

Step 2: Create and cover drainage holes.

* Punch holes in bottom of the pot.

* Use wire mesh to cover holes so soil mix doesn't run out with any excess water.

* Fill bottom portion of container with gravel, rocks, pieces of broken crockery or packing peanuts to create a drain field. That way, excess water won't seep through the pot and rot the roots of the plants.

Step 3: Prepare the potting soil.

* Always use a prepared



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mix; never use soil from your home garden, which almost always contains weed seeds, bugs, or unhealthy bacteria.

* A versatile potting soil suitable for most plants contains 60 percent peat moss, 19 percent Perlite, 20 percent Vermiculite, and 1 percent Lime.

* Always check with a lawn and garden specialist to find out what type of soil mix

is recommended for the plants you are using.

Step 4: Add potting mix and plants.

* Add 2 to 3 inches of potting mix to the bottom of the pot (larger plants may require more mix).

* Set plant into pot and add potting mix around sides, tamping down with thumbs as you go.

* Don't be afraid to mix a variety of plants in one container — a full arrangement could have tall plants in the center, working out to the sides with smaller plants.

* Make sure the top of root ball is just under the top of the soil.

* Leave 1 1/2 to 2 inches of watering space between the top of the soil and the rim of

the pot.

Step 5: Water thoroughly.

* Give a full flush of water through the planter the first time you water it.

* For larger plants, you can opt to place the pot in a tub filled with about 1/2 inch of water for approximately 15 minutes.

Step 6: Place in indirect lighting for 3 to 4 days, and water as necessary.

* Keep an eye on your container garden — especially in hot weather as it can dry out quickly.

* Keep in mind that fertilizers wash out of container soils faster than out of garden soils, so you may wish to apply a liquid fertilizer at half strength to the plant every two weeks.

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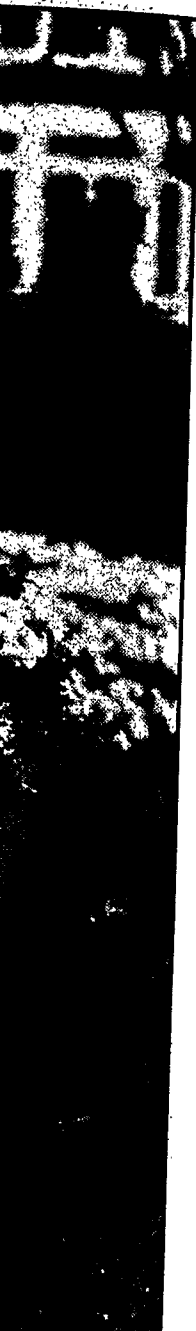
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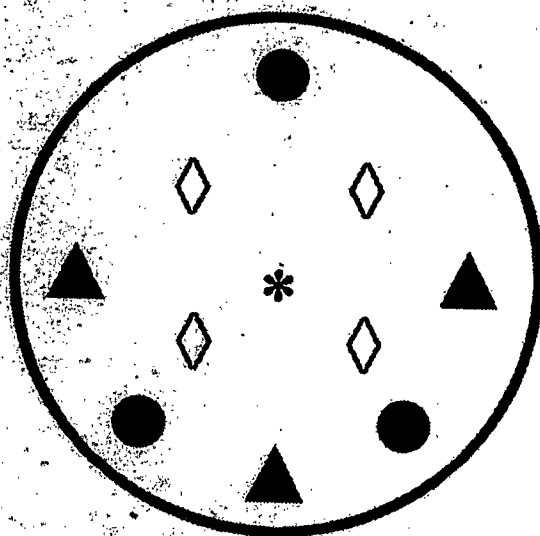
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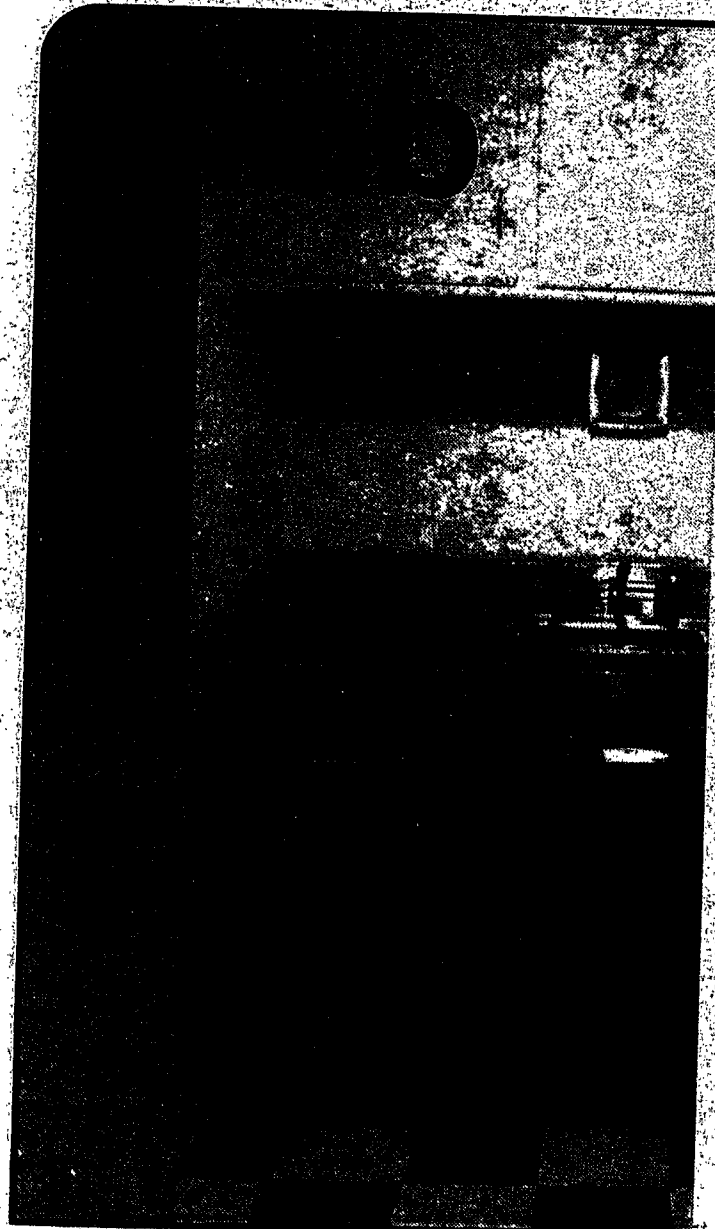
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Eight essential don'ts for a healthy garden

A healthy, well-maintained garden is a beautiful sight, and most serious gardeners strive to achieve that beauty all year long. It certainly takes a lot of time and



When gardening, knowing what not to do is just as important as knowing what to do if you want to maintain a beautiful, thriving garden all year long.

Don'ts from gardener Paul James, courtesy of hgtv.com (Home & Garden Television).

1. Don't fertilize trees, shrubs, or other landscape plants during the late summer. Fertilizing landscape plants encourages new growth. And new growth is extremely susceptible to freeze damage (especially if you live in an area where freezes suddenly occur), which may not be apparent until the following spring. In addition, since your plants have already been growing for several months, by the time late summer arrives, they are ready for a rest as they begin preparing themselves for dormancy.

2. Don't fertilize your lawn with products that are high in nitrogen. It's best to fertilize your lawn while the grass is still green, especially in late summer to early fall. But don't use products high in nitrogen, because turf grasses do not need much nitrogen that time of year. Instead, use a balanced fertilizer with an NPK ratio of 3-1-2 such as 6-2-4 or 12-4-8. Since fertilizers enable turf grasses to produce an abundance of carbohydrates, the grasses can store those excess carbohydrates throughout the winter months. So by springtime, the grasses have all the nutrients they need to produce a lush, green lawn.

3. Don't scalp a lawn, even if you're getting ready to reseed. Scalping (mowing the turf an inch or less in early spring before new growth begins) only stresses the turf and encourages more weed growth by allowing the sun to reach more soil.

4. Don't use a preemergent herbicide two weeks before or

after sowing grass seed. A preemergent herbicide prevents seeds from sprouting, which will also prevent the grass seeds from sprouting, too. If you have a lot of weeds in your lawn, use a postemergent herbicide. It will only kill emerging weeds and won't affect your sprouting grass seeds.

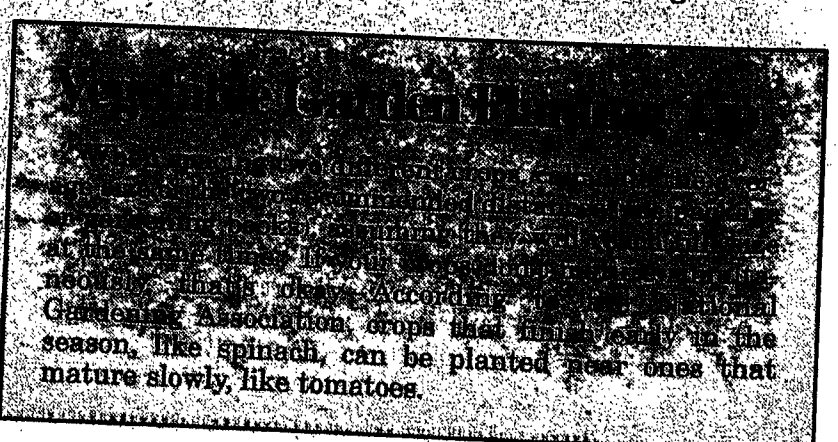
5. Don't stake trees. Staking actually makes trees weaker. The trunks of unstaked trees are allowed to sway or bend in the wind, which makes them stronger.

6. Walk in garden beds as little as possible. Walking compacts the soil, and plants can't grow well in compacted soil. Since it's impossible to avoid, consider walking on a board. It will distribute your weight evenly and reduce compaction.

7. Don't work the soil while it's wet. Doing so destroys its structure, and it may take months or even years before the soil has a chance to recover. In the meantime, you're left with a bunch of ugly dirt clods, which are not ideal for growing plants.

8. Don't overwork the soil. There is a misconception that a good garden soil must have the consistency of a fine powder. That's why some gardeners constantly work the soil with either a tiller or by hand. The truth is that good garden soil should contain a range of particle sizes and have a fairly coarse textural feel because of its high content of organic matter.

This type of soil doesn't compact as easily, drains a lot faster yet has more water-holding capacity, contains more nutrients and oxygen, and is easier to dig in.



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effort, not to mention proper planning and plant and garden know-how. But to gardeners of all levels, it seems to be well worth the effort, because it's a hobby that's very rewarding. You get to create your own unique masterpiece!

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Raised flower beds offer alternative

Whether they're sick of wrestling with poor backyard soil, or simply looking for a unique alternative to traditional gardens, more and more homeowners are "going to bed" — turning to raised bed gardens — to indulge their green thumbs.

If you've never considered creating a raised bed, you're missing out on one of the most personalized experiences gardening has to offer. A made-to-order raised bed offers several advantages over a conventional garden, including:

* **Comfort.** Gardening doesn't have to be a pain in the back. You can design and build a raised bed to your exact specifications, constructing an easily accessible garden that's the perfect size and shape for you to work on. You can even raise it several feet so you can sit while you garden. Just be sure that it's made of stable materials that won't topple in bad weather.

* **Flexibility.** A raised bed is limited only by your imagination, likes and dislikes, and ambition. The options are endless: You can use just about any material to form your walls, from cement block



Adding a peat-based potting mix makes it easy to plant and maintain a garden, like this 4 foot by 4 foot raised bed.

or brick to pressure-treated lumber, stone or even plastic. After you've put up the sides, add some gravel to the bottom to ensure that it will drain well, lay the soil — preferably a potting mix with peat — then water the bed thoroughly and let it settle for a few days before you

begin planting. Before you know it, you'll have a versatile, vibrant and one-of-a-kind garden, custom-designed down to the last

detail. * **Less compaction.** In a conventional garden, footprints and heavy machinery often compact the soil, mak-

ing it difficult for air and water to reach a plant's roots. A raised bed avoids those problems. Since you'll be able to do all of your gardening from outside its walls, you'll avoid tramping on the soil.

* **Higher yields.** One study found that the average raised bed garden could yield twice as many vegetables and flowers as a traditional one. Since a raised bed can be tended without actually stepping into the bed, you don't have to leave walking paths between the rows. That means you'll have more room for more plants.

* **More control.** Poor terrain, a forest of weeds, or thin topsoil? Who cares? A raised bed lets you start from scratch and not have to rely on whatever Mother Nature dealt your yard. Most important, a raised bed lets you control the condition of the soil. A potting mix that contains peat moss is an ideal growing medium for raised beds. It helps regulate the pH, strengthens plants to protect against weeds and pests, and releases moisture and nutrients over time.

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15 years vs. 30: Save \$ on your mortgage

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With interest rates remaining low, real estate rates on the Mississippi Gulf Coast at an all-time high and a seemingly endless amount of compa-

nies out there urging you to "cash out" the equity in your home, it's tempting to consider refinancing your mortgage.

What do I need to consider before I refinance my mortgage?

The best time to refinance depends on the interest rate difference between your existing mortgage and the new mortgage, closing fees for refinancing, the length of time you plan to stay in your home, your tax bracket, your lender and the local housing market. You may be a candidate for refinancing if you are paying at least 2 percentage points above the present interest rate. Since there are settlement or closing costs for refinancing, you must consider the 2-percentage point spread as a minimum. A 2-percentage point spread enables you to recover the closing costs through savings

and interest payments within 2 to 3 years normally. If you plan to live in the house longer, you may consider refinancing with a difference smaller than two percent. If on the other hand, you have to pay mortgage "prepayment penalties" you may decide to wait for a larger than 2-percentage point spread.

Will I save money with a 15-year mortgage vs. a 30-year note?

The best way to answer that question is give an example. Let's suppose you have a mortgage for \$60,000 dollars at 8.5% interest.

A 30-year mortgage will cost you \$461.35 per month.

If you multiply that times the 360 months which is the number of months in 30 years, you will pay payments totaling \$166,086.00.

A 15-year mortgage will cost you \$590.84 per month. If you multiply that times the 180 months which is the number of months in 15 years, you will pay payments totaling \$106,351.20.

The difference between the 15-year mortgage and the 30-year mortgage is \$59,733.80. You must consider whether your budget can handle the additional amount each month and not impact other expenses that you will have your home.

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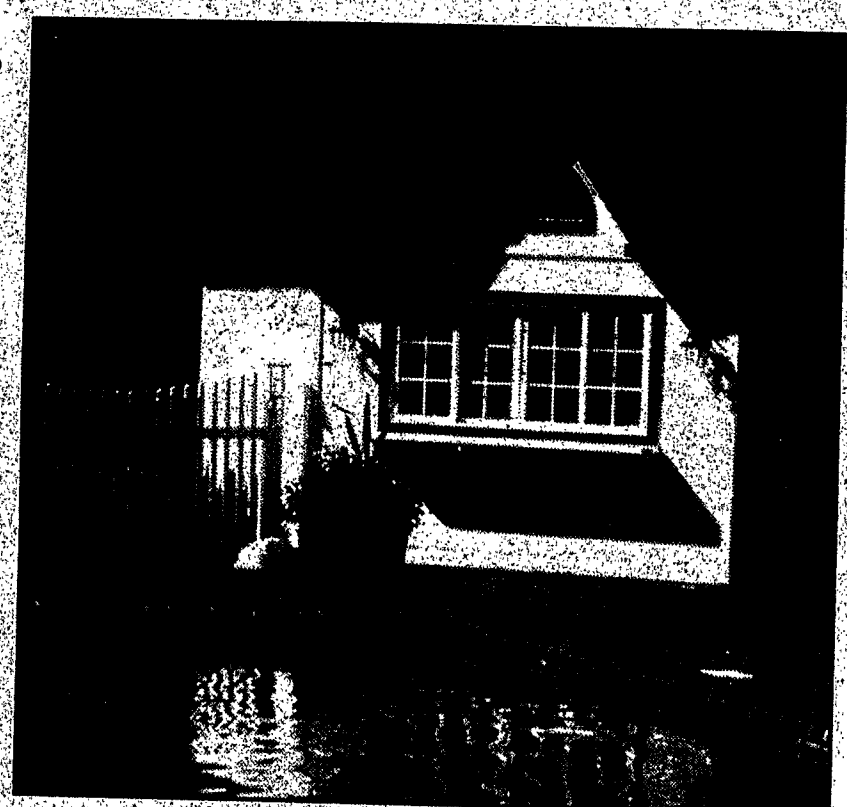
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Secrets for a Happy, Healthy Lawn

Struggling to compete with the neighbor's pristine, well-tended lawn? If you're wondering what the people next door are doing to keep their backyard looking as meticulous and lush as a golf course, you're in luck. And it's easier than you may think.

A well-manicured lawn doesn't just happen by itself. But it doesn't need to be backbreaking work, either. Landscaping pros — and in-the-know neighbors — understand that a little extra effort can produce a beautiful, healthy turf all season long. If you follow these three simple tips this season, you'll have a thriving backyard in no time, without a ton of extra effort.

1. **Aerate** — Just like it needs water and nutrients, grass needs air to thrive. Aeration removes plugs of soil from the lawn, which loosens areas that may have become compacted by heavy use, and lets air get down to

the roots. Whether you use a power machine or a hand tool, keep in mind that an aerator that removes plugs is much more effective than one that just pokes holes (which can actually make soil compaction worse). Depending on the type of grass in your yard, you'll want to aerate in spring, early fall, or both.

2. **Top dress** — After you aerate, top dress your lawn by spreading 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch of peat moss over the grass with a rake. The top dressing of peat helps gradually condition the lawn throughout the growing season, strengthening the grass to resist disease and thatch, and reducing the amount of water and fertilizer it needs. Peat moss absorbs moisture and reduces the leaching of nutrients by holding and releasing them slowly over time.

3. **Repair bare spots** — Discolored patches on the lawn can ruin the look of your whole backyard, but they're often easy to fix. It doesn't matter if the culprit

is disease, animal urine, or soil compaction; a repair job takes just a few minutes, and it works wonders on a backyard's overall look. Spring or fall are good times to tackle reseeding; the cooler temperatures help the grass grow. First, loosen the top 6 inches of soil in the affected area. (Throw away the top inch or so of soil if Rover is the reason for the bare patch.) Then, work 2 inches of peat moss into the soil. Scatter grass seeds on the soil, add fertilizer, and water with a fine spray. You can sprinkle a thin layer of peat moss over the new growth to add an extra measure of conditioning, and keep the area moist until it germinates.

That's all there is to it — three simple ways to give your backyard the equivalent of a fresh coat of paint.

Pretty soon, your backyard will perk up so dramatically, your neighbors will be coming to you for lawn-care advice.

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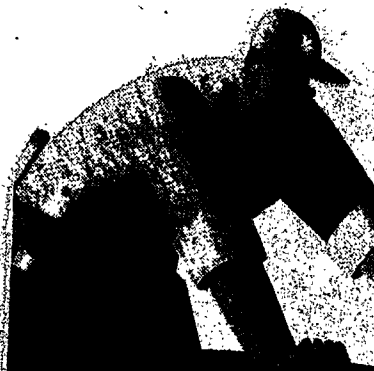
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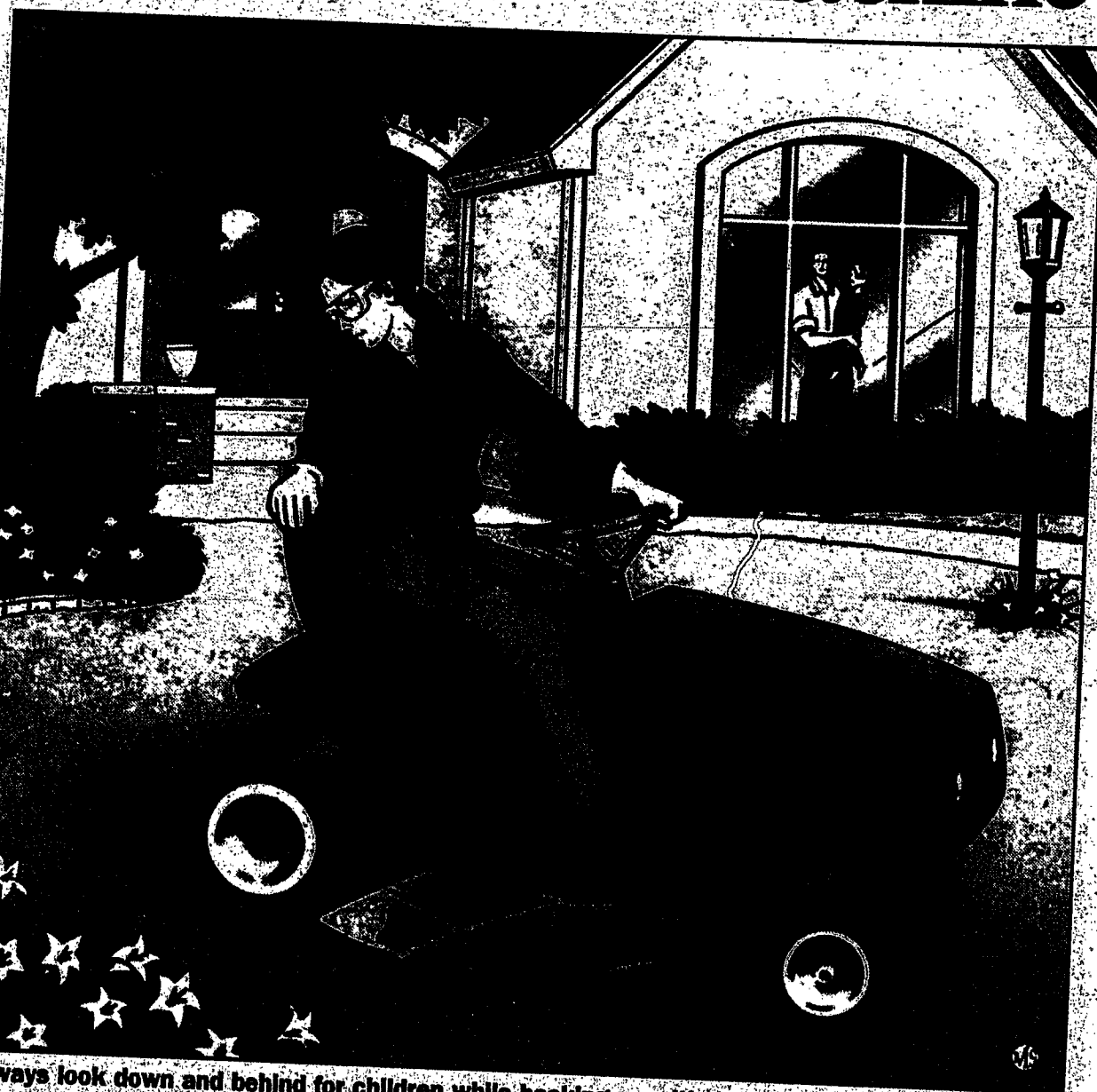
With warmer days come flowers, longer grass, children out playing in the yard, and, of course, lawn mowers. But, parents should remember, when it's time for mowing and trimming, children and outdoor power equipment don't mix.

Children at play are unpredictable. Because they can easily run, jump, or tumble into areas where outdoor power equipment is operating, they could be at risk for serious injury or death.

The best safety practice, according to the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, is to keep children completely out of the work area and supervised — preferably indoors. Parents need to set and follow strict safety rules, such as those in the operator's manual, before operating riding mowers or any type of outdoor power equipment.

Thinking safety first may prevent accidents:

- * Keep children away from the work area, period. Children should remain



Always look down and behind for children while backing up with a riding mower.

inside when any kind of outdoor power equipment is in use, such as walk-behind or riding lawn mowers.

* **DO NOT** allow a child to operate a riding mower or any type of outdoor power equipment.

* Child safety is an adult responsibility. Think about this before you mow and if necessary, do not mow until someone is available to supervise the children and keep them out of the mowing area.

* **DO NOT** allow a child to play on or around equipment that is not running or in storage. If the equipment has a key, remove the key after shutting off the engine to prevent unintended use. Store the key away from the equipment and out of the reach of children.

* **Immediately** turn off equipment if a child or anyone enters the work area.

* Riding mowers are designed for **ONLY ONE** person, the operator. They are not built to carry passengers or to tow anyone behind in carts or trailers, even with the blades off.

* **NEVER** carry a child on your lap while operating a riding mower. Children who have been given rides in the past, or who see another child being given a ride, may run out for a ride themselves, not be noticed by the operator, and have a serious accident. Many rollover/backover accidents are the result of a child running out to get a ride!

* Always look down and behind for children before, and while backing up with a

riding mower.

* Before mowing, clear the area of twigs, stones, or toys that could be thrown by the mower. Check the area to be sure that children and pets are clear of the area. (Objects can be thrown from the mower blades at very high speeds.)

Further, dress properly for the job. Wear long pants, close-fitting clothes, sturdy shoes, and eye protection. Do not wear anything that could get caught in moving parts, such as jewelry and scarves. Tie back and contain long hair.

For a free booklet on outdoor power equipment safety, contact the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) at 341 South Patrick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or at www.opei.org.

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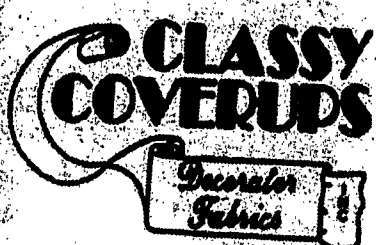
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Get down and dirty with gardening



Gardening is an activity that you can enjoy with your children. It fosters skills in responsibility, patience, and perseverance.

What do you get when you mix a pile of soil, some seeds or fledgling plants, and a couple of children eager to spend hours digging and playing in the mud? You have an afternoon of fun you would have never expected! And your kids can develop a lifelong love of gardening in the process.

With an array of materials for digging and pouring, like peat, soil and sand, combined with the sense of accomplishment and excitement little ones can receive when they see their plants grow and flourish, gardening is one of those activities tailor-made for little hands and imaginations. Gardening can also foster skills like responsibility, patience, and perseverance, as children become solely responsible for the survival of a living thing.

GETTING STARTED

Before you introduce gardening to youngsters and give them free reign in the backyard, it may be wise to start out on a smaller scale. Keep in mind their age and

ability level. For example, don't expect wonders from a toddler or kindergartner. They may be content just by picking dandelions, chasing toads or worms in the soil, or planting seeds from apples or watermelons. Try this simple activity for little ones:

- Take a clear-plastic 8-ounce drinking cup.
- Fill about three-fourths of the cup with moistened cotton balls.
- Sprinkle grass seeds on top of the cotton balls.
- Cover seeds with more moistened cotton balls.
- Place the cup in a sunny window.
- Have your child keep the cotton moist, but not sopping. After a few days, the grass seeds should start to sprout. Your child can delight in seeing the root system form and be clearly visible through the clear-plastic cup, as well as the grass that starts to grow tall over the rim of the cup.

You may also want to start your children out with other potted plants. Empty egg cartons make great separated "planters" for little green thumbs to experiment with. When heading out to the gar-

den center, pick hearty seeds that germinate quickly so your child will be able to see results relatively quickly.

MOVING OUTDOORS

You don't want your prized roses to be demolished by a rambunctious youngster, so set boundaries for outdoor gardening. Create a spot for "kids only" that's separate from the "adult" gardening area. You can add fun accents like windcatchers, garden accessories, and stepping stones. Install edging around the garden so soil and plants will be well contained. Keep in mind that youngsters will need to be supervised around garden tools and gardening chemicals (fertilizers, weed products, etc.).

Encourage your children to recognize the good and bad bugs of a garden. Worms, ladybugs, and butterflies are beneficial to flowers and plants. However, certain beetles, caterpillars, and other insects may not be. Spend a day reading up on the bugs your child may find in the garden, and look over pictures of these crawly creatures together.

Don't spend all of your

time cooped up in the house or in the yard. Explore gardens of all shapes and sizes with your children. Visit your local botanical garden and spend a day wandering through the exhibits.

Many of these places of wonder show the different

garden habitats, like deserts and rainforests, as well as offer an up-close look at plants that can spark the imagination and learning potential of young minds.

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Keep the birds away from your crop

You spent hours this Sunday toiling in your garden planting small plants that will soon sprout flowers. You go to sleep smiling at the thought of how beautiful your garden will look. But when you check out your garden's progress on Monday morning, you see that hungry birds have eaten all your tiny plants! No more daisies, no more begonias. The only evidence of your work are a few stems.

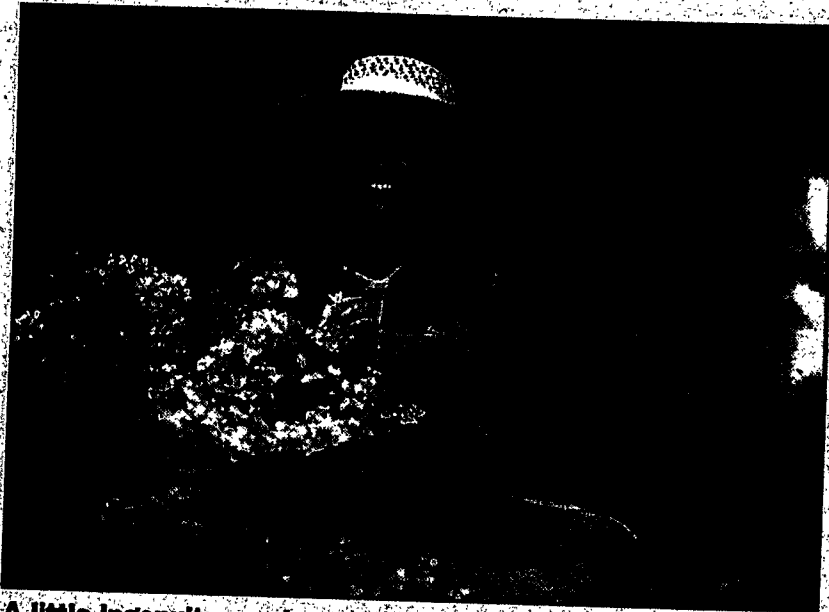
How do you stop birds from ruining your garden? Follow these tips to prevent

future occurrences.

* Plant seeds in peat pots indoors. Once the plants have two sets of leaves, plant them outdoors. Birds often eat plants because of their sweet taste. But this taste wanes after the second set of leaves.

* Cover seedbeds with floating row covers. These covers allow light, water, and oxygen to seep through while protecting against insects and birds.

* Birds get scared easily, so use that to your advantage. On sticks, attach some old CDs and some flash tape (a Mylar tape). Place the sticks near your garden. The



A little ingenuity can keep your plants safe from bird attack.

CDs and tape will flutter in the breeze and scare away

some birds.

* Cover the seedbed with bird netting. Be forewarned that you may have to release birds from the netting if they get caught in it.

* Set the sprinkler system to go on and off at 15-minute intervals. The sudden bursts of water will scare off the birds.

* Plant individual seeds inside milk cartons. It will prevent birds from reaching the seedlings.

Whichever method you choose, keep at it. Birds will always want to eat your new plants. But with some extra effort, you will be able to keep the birds in the sky and your plants in the garden!

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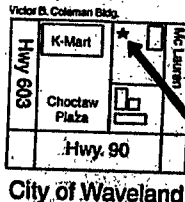
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Pansies grow well if you work slow-release fertilizer into the soil prior to planting, or use liquid fertilizer at the time of planting and every two weeks thereafter to encourage more blooming. And, of course, regular watering keeps the plants from drying out.

In most cases, you would plant them 6 inches apart, as they grow from 6 to 8 inches tall. And, if you plant your summer annuals around your pansies, as the pansies get 'leggy' and your summer annuals get bigger and fuller,



you'll have a colorful garden from early spring until fall.

Most pansies come in various shades of yellow, blue, white, red, and purple and some have variations and blends of these colors. Use color to your advantage. If you plant yellow pansies, for example, these blooms can be

seen from far away, or they can lighten up a dormant corner. Whether looking for color for a border or a rock garden, pansies are the 'feel good' flowers with their happy, welcoming 'faces.' For inspiration for your garden design or planting information, go to www.fernlea.com.

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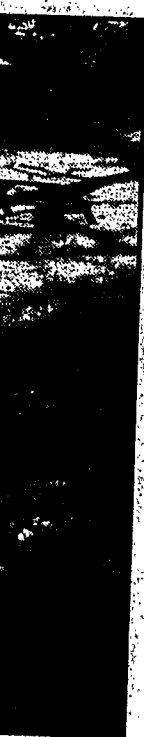
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Turf Wars: The Battle of Trees Versus Grass

There may be a battle brewing in your backyard between your trees and your grass. Trees and turf tend to be mutually exclusive — you won't see many trees growing in the prairies or grasslands, and grass is uncommon on the forest floor.

Our urban landscapes represent an unnatural ecosystem in which we force two somewhat incompatible plant types together and expect optimum performance from each. Trees and turf compete for sunlight, water, mineral nutrients, and growing space below ground. Turf roots typically out-compete tree roots and win the below-ground battle. But the dense shade of a tree's crown can be too much competition for turf, enabling trees to win the aerial war. Shade leads to reduced grass density, increased root competition, and increased weed invasion. In order for turf and trees to cohabitate, here are some areas you should consider:

* Pruning for light penetration — Pruning to increase light penetration should be considered, keeping in mind that it is usually not a permanent solution. Remember that trees will grow into the voids created by pruning. That's why a rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-fourth of the tree's foliage-bearing crown in a single pruning. If a tree is thinned too much, it will be stressed and will probably produce many watersprouts (suckers) along its branches to compensate for lost foliage. This process defeats the purpose of pruning to allow more light penetration. It may help to "raise" a tree's crown (crown raising) to improve light penetration. Crown raising involves the removal of lower branches on trees,

and most tree species are quite tolerant of this pruning practice.

* Root Control — Some trees tend to form surface roots, which can be a major problem in lawns. Homeowners always want to know to what extent they can prune or remove tree roots without killing the tree. Because cut roots tend to develop more roots, root pruning is generally not a solution.

The most simple maintenance recommendation is also the most important. Mulch. Mulching the root areas of trees is one of the least expensive but most beneficial things you can do to enhance tree health and minimize competition with turf. Mulch helps retain soil moisture, moderates soil temperature, and reduces competition from weeds. Organic mulch can help condition the

soil and improve microbial activity.

Apply mulch about 2 to 4 inches deep, but do not pile it against the tree trunks. As far as the trees are concerned, the bigger the mulched area the better. Mulch groups of trees together, and extend the mulched areas as far out as practical.

* Fertilization — There is a long-standing, but inaccurate, belief that trees must be "deep-root" fertilized. This notion is associated with the myth that a tree's root system is an underground mirror of the crown. Because most of the absorbing roots are actually in the upper few inches of soil, it makes little sense to place the fertilizer deeper.

If you are fertilizing your lawn and trees are occupying the same area, the trees might not require supplemental fertilization. The key

to any fertilization program is to base the application on the plant's needs.

* Mowing — Most people don't realize the degree of damage that can be caused by the bumping of a mower or the whipping action of a nylon string trimmer. A tree's bark can only provide so much protection against these devices. Young, thin-barked trees can be damaged almost immediately. In the worst-case scenario, the trees may die. Those that are not killed will be stressed (weak and susceptible), and wounds may serve as entry points for diseases, borers or other insects.

* Chemical treatments — Herbicides, especially broadleaf weed killers, are often used on lawns. It is important to remember, however, that most trees are broadleaved plants and can be injured or killed if high

enough doses reach them. Homeowners must keep in mind that "weed and feed" fertilizers contain herbicides, which can damage trees.

* Achieving a balance — Trees and turf can peacefully coexist, even thrive, in a landscape. Armed with an understanding of how each affects the other, a homeowner can modify the environment and the maintenance procedures to optimize the growing conditions for both.

One of the best ways to be assured you are making wise decisions regarding your trees is to educate yourself on some of the basic principles of tree care. The International Society of Arboriculture offers consumer information about trees at www.treesaregood.com. To contact an ISA-certified arborist in your area, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

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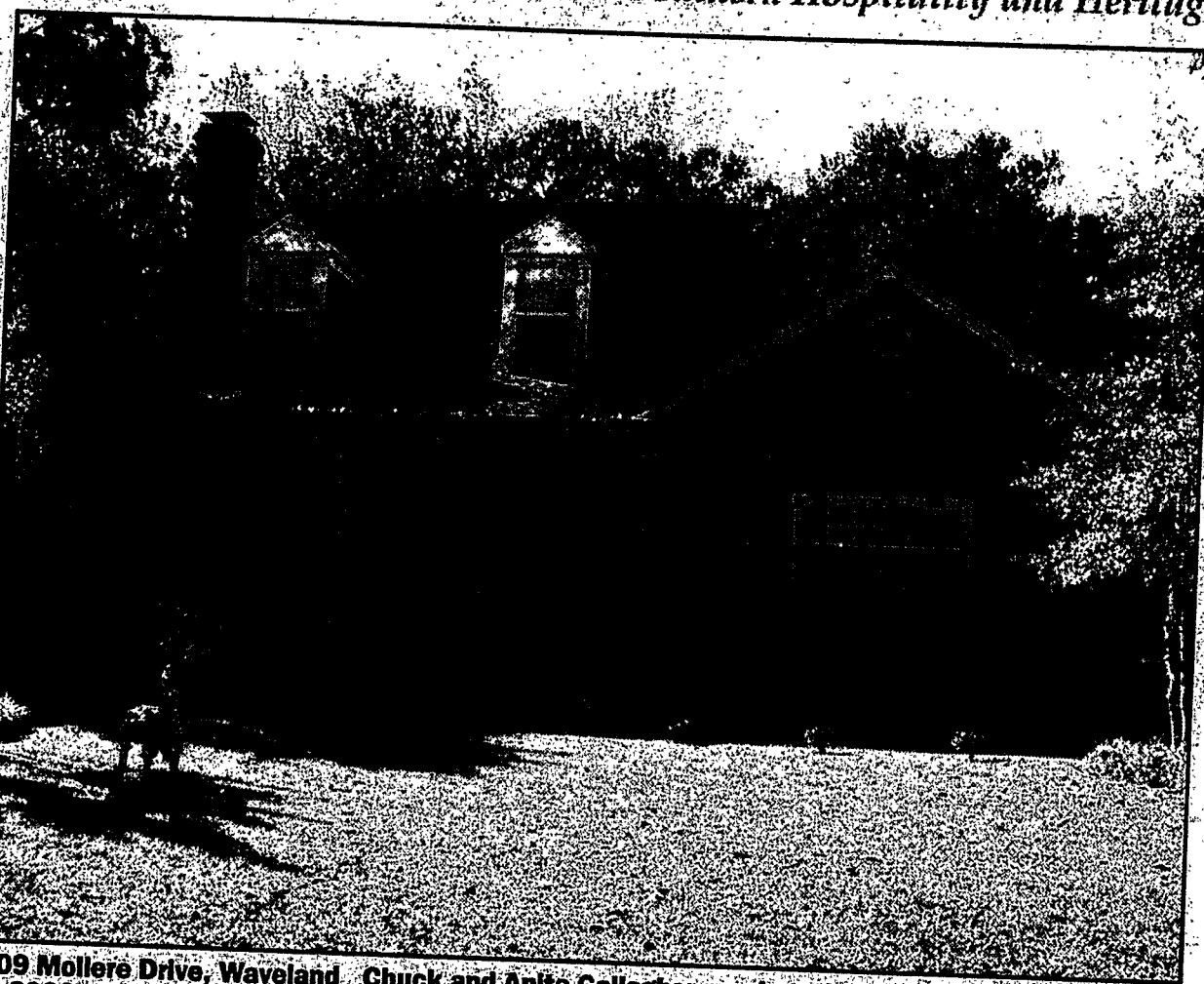
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Southern Hospitality and Heritage

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This year's festival, one of the largest Spring Pilgrimage events offering free home tours, invites visitors to several coastal communities showcasing magnificent homes, floral exhibitions, garden tours, and period furnishings. In years past, individual homes on the tour have hosted up to 500 guests during the weeklong event.

"Spring Pilgrimage is unique on Mississippi's Gulf Coast because the houses are actual homes that people live



109 Mollere Drive, Waveland. Chuck and Anita Gallagher purchased their cottage style home in 2002. They have spent the past year redesigning the gardens. Azaleas, camellias, dogwood, and hydrangeas have been added to the areas shaded by four ancient live oaks. Brought to Waveland from their previous home in Gaudier are prize winning Daylilies. Outside the kitchen window is a hummingbird and butterfly garden. Various ginger, lilies, and ferns have been planted in the low-lying areas of the back yard. Anita, an artist in watercolors and oils, has her own paintings hanging, as well as those of other well-known local artists. Notable is their collection of ship models brought back from trips to Maine. There is also a collection of Holly Hill pottery from Navarre Beach, some of which was designed by Mrs. Gallagher. The furniture is an eclectic mix of antiques and pieces purchased during Chuck's career as a Naval Officer. Hanging in the stairway is a large antique clock inherited from Anita's Grandparents.

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in everyday," said Marjorie Shaughnessy, chairman. "Our overall goal is to share with visitors the way we live in the South, and to give them a feeling of what it might be like to live here."

Spring Pilgrimage, organized by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs, will feature approximately 40 stops on the coast-wide tour. Key events include Historic Biloxi Day and a Southern Tea.

Spring Pilgrimage culminates on Saturday, April 9 with a closing ceremony at the Old Brick House, Biloxi's oldest home. The traditional finale features refreshments, a jazz concert and a raffle drawing for magnificent sculpture.

SCHEDULE FOR HANCOCK COUNTY AND PASS CHRISTIAN

Saturday, April 2nd

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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

KATE FRECHTER
580 Sandy Hook Dr. - Pass Christian
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MR. & MRS. DENNIS V. McCLOSKEY
704 Bayou Lane - Pass Christian
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PASS CHRISTIAN
MR. & MRS. ARTHUR W. HYATT
120 Spence Drive - Pass Christian
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOWARD & KAY MCKISSACK
134 Spence Drive - Pass Christian
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DR. & MRS. HARRY DANIELSON
849 E. Spenic Drive - Pass Christian
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Wednesday, April 6

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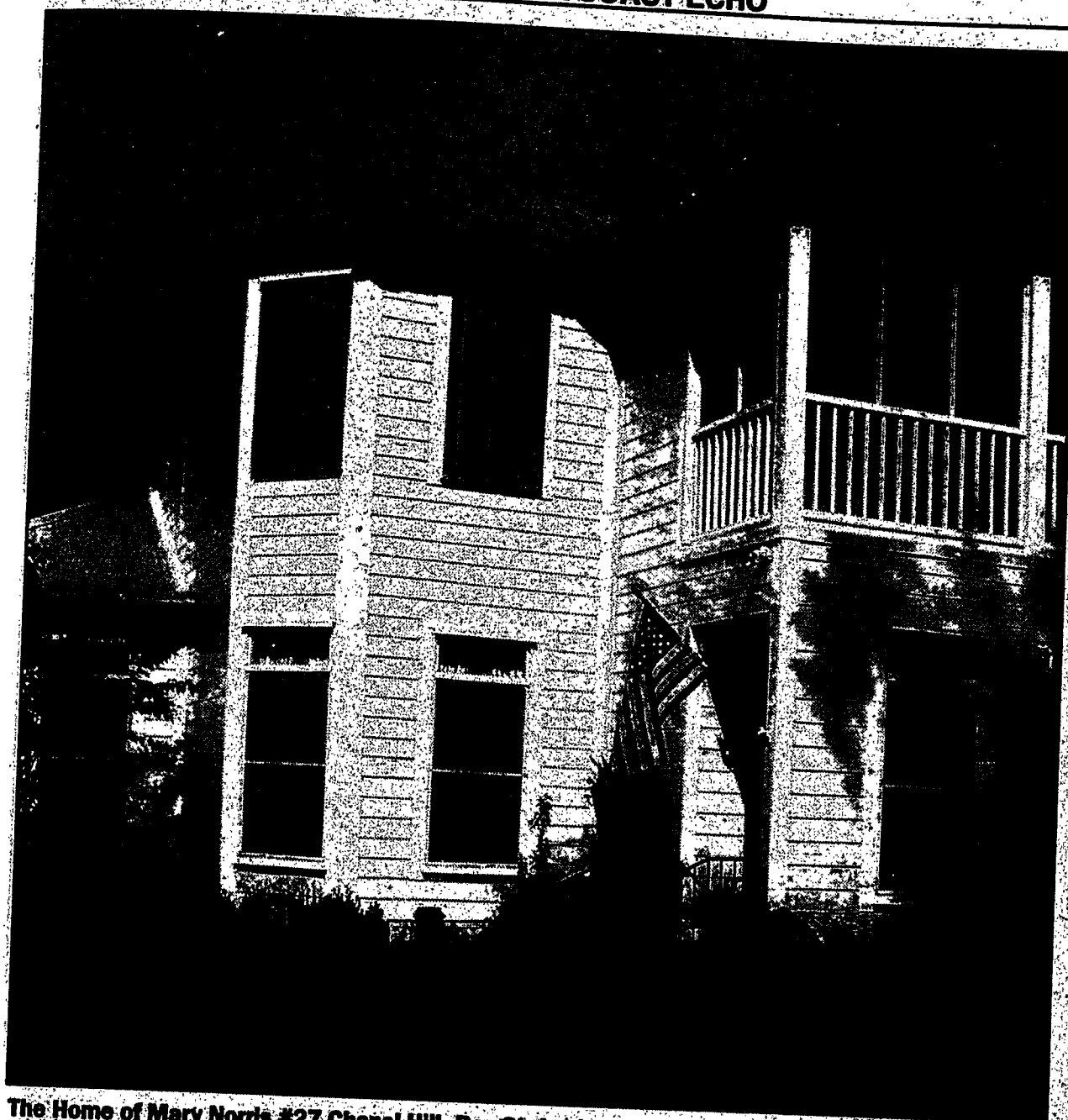
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The Home of Mary Norris #27 Chapel Hill, Bay St. Louis was the first house in Chapel Hill and was built in 2002. It is a lovely and concise example of the new terminology, "down sizing lifestyle". After having large homes, managing smaller space at an advanced age is advantageous. Residence in Chapel Hill offers those and many more amenities. The well appointed home showcases many antiques including the dining room table, a family piece c. 1850's from the Mississippi Governor's mansion. Also from the Governor's mansion is a silver serving dish. Note the pair of prayer chains from one of Mrs. Norris' ancestors' plantation. Originally there were 24 and each has a different scene painted on the back.

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How to save money and still stay cool this summer

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We've all been looking forward to the beautiful spring weather we've been experiencing, but now some of us are really starting to dread the thoughts of another long, hot Mississippi summer.

Both winter and summer energy costs have stabilized after some of the highest utility costs on record in recent years. No one can predict energy costs, however, so it's important to take steps to reduce expenses where possible.

To help homeowners and others with energy conservation, the Mississippi State University Extension Service has developed information on ways consumers may reduce energy costs.

Although energy costs currently are lower than those of just a few years ago, conserving energy and lowering costs remain important concerns. And while energy costs affect all Mississippians, they are of particular concern to farmers, homeowners, and small businesses.

To address these needs, the Mississippi State University Extension Service has developed information on ways farmers and homeowners can reduce energy costs. Even with stabilized costs, it is important that consumers take steps to conserve energy.

What Can I Expect With Energy Costs?

Record high temperatures such as those encountered in 2000 have a dramatic effect on energy use and costs. Fortunately, such temperature extremes do not happen often. While these extremes aren't predicted for the foreseeable future, the prospects of high energy bills are a concern for many citizens.

Since we can't control the weather itself, the important thing is to make sure that homes, businesses and farms are as energy efficient as possible. This means taking con-

servation steps before extreme temperatures - winter or summer - arrive, in earnest.

What Can Homeowners Do To Reduce Summer Energy Costs?

Many energy conservation principles apply in summer as well as winter. For example:

- * Caulking and weatherstripping around doors and windows saves in both hot and cold weather.

- * Raising the thermostat also significantly lowers the cooling bill. A good starting point is 78°. Every degree the thermostat is set below 78° adds about 7 percent to the cooling bill. At 72°, the cost is about 42 percent higher than at 78°. If higher thermostat settings are uncomfortable, you can make your living area feel several degrees cooler by using a fan to circulate conditioned air.

- * Don't overlook the value of landscaping in summer energy savings. About 60 percent of the heat entering a home in the summer is through the roof. Provide shade to the roof, walls and driveways to reduce heat absorption and save energy and money.

- * Take advantage of windows in the spring for fresh air and natural ventilation. In the summer, keep the drapes drawn to reduce radiant heat from the sun. Ventilation is especially important to reduce summer

energy costs. Make sure attics are properly ventilated.

- * Change air conditioner filters regularly. Insulate air conditioner ducts that are exposed in the attic or in other areas.

- * If you buy new appliances, look for energy saving features. Check the energy guide on appliances for energy consumption.

- * If you're building a new home or adding to an existing structure, match the equipment to the heating and cooling load as nearly as possible. Oversized equipment wastes energy. But keep in mind that while a window cooling unit works well for a small area, a central unit may be more economical for larger areas in the long run.

- * Safety is always a factor with electric equipment. Don't take chances with faulty connections, make potentially dangerous repairs, or cut corners that put your safety at risk. If in doubt, contact an electrical contractor for help.

For more information on energy conservation, call or visit your county Extension office. The Hancock County Extension office can be contacted at:

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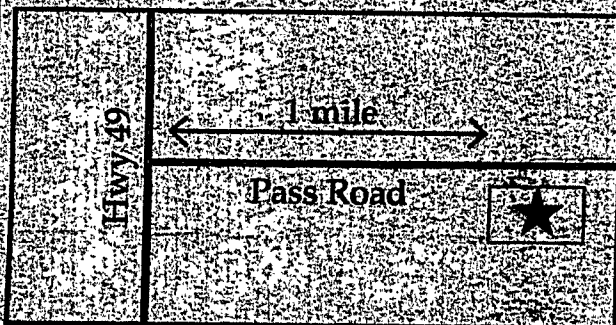
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